

Euphorbia peplus

COMMON NAME

milkweed

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

AUTHORITY

Euphorbia peplus L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

EUPPEP

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1867

ORIGIN

Europe, Mediterranean, Siberia

ETYMOLOGY

euphorbia: After Euphorbus, a Greek physician who served King Juba of Numidia in 12BC. Juba named a cactus to honour Euphorbus and later Linnaeus named the entire genus after the physician.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-peplus/>



Coromandel. October. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



At the Coromandel. October. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.