# **Euphorbia pulcherrima**

# **COMMON NAME**

poinsettia

#### **FAMILY**

Euphorbiaceae

## **AUTHORITY**

Euphorbia pulcherrima Willd. ex Klotzsch

# **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Exotic

#### STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## **CONSERVATION STATUS**

Not applicable

# **FLOWER COLOURS**

Green, Yellow

## **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.

# Poisonous plant:

The milky sap of this species is poisonous.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-pulcherrima/





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