

Heracleum sphondylium

COMMON NAME

cow parsnip

FAMILY

Apiaceae

AUTHORITY

Heracleum sphondylium L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1939

ORIGIN

Europe, Mediterranean, W. and N. Asia, N.W. Africa

ETYMOLOGY

heracleum: Named after the classical Greek hero Herakles (Hercules) who is said to have discovered the plant's healing properties.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/heracleum-sphondylium/>



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