

Hydrocotyle umbellata

FAMILY

Araliaceae

AUTHORITY

Hydrocotyle umbellata L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial herb. By seed and asexual spread from layering. Long-lived forms a large seed bank. Mainly spread by deliberate planting and subsequent vegetative spread; also through careless disposal of garden waste and by seed.

YEAR NATURALISED

2005

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Vegetable (Asian salad herb)

ETYMOLOGY

hydrocotyle: From the Greek hydor 'water' and cotyle 'cup', in reference to the cup-like hollow at the base of the leaf.

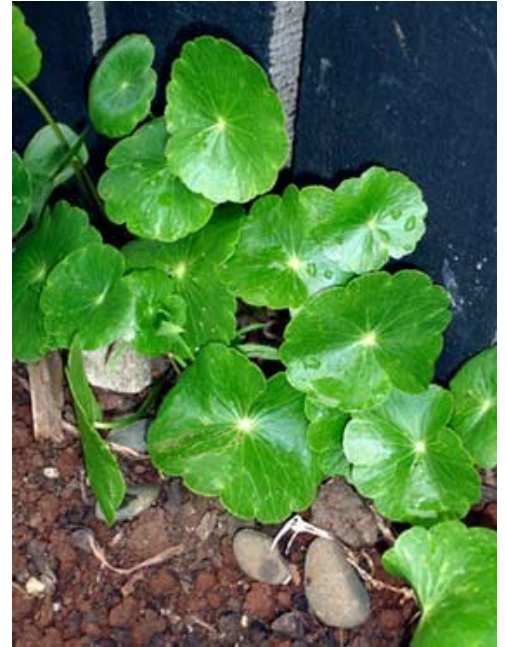
umbellata: Bearing flowers in umbels

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hydrocotyle-umbellata/>



Hydrocotyle umbellata wild in coarse soil at margin of footpath and wooden fence, Asquith Ave, Mt Albert, Auckland. Photographer: Peter J. de Lange, Date taken: 18/12/2006, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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