

Inula orientalis

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Inula orientalis Lam.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial herb (dies back in winter), spreads by vegetative spread. Viable seed is rarely produced. Probably dispersed by the careless disposal of garden waste.

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural.

ETYMOLOGY

inula: Believed to be a corruption of helenium, *Inula helenium* (Elecampane) being the *Inula campana* of medieval Latin (Johnson and Smith, 1986).

orientalis: From the Latin *orientale*, meaning 'eastern' but sometimes also translated as 'from the Orient'.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). *Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning*. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/inula-orientalis/>

