

# Kerria japonica

## COMMON NAME

Kerria, Japanese rose, Easter rose

## FAMILY

Rosaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Kerria japonica* (L.) DC.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Small ornamental shrub. Many upright 2 m stems emerging directly from the ground. Leaves are serrated, up to 5 cm long, Flowers are simple golden yellow flowers up to 5 cm across.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1991

## ORIGIN

China

## ETYMOLOGY

**kerria:** Named after William Kerr (died 1814), a plant collector of Kew who introduced *Kerria japonica*.

**japonica:** Of Japan

## Reason For Introduction

Unknown

## Life Cycle Comments

Perennial

## Reproduction

Can spread by basal suckers and layering.

## Tolerances

Does well in moist, well-drained soil in dappled shade.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kerria-japonica/>

