

# Lactuca sativa

## COMMON NAME

lettuce

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Lactuca sativa L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1958

## ORIGIN

Unknown (probably cultivation in Egypt)

## ETYMOLOGY

**lactuca:** From the Latin lac 'milk', referring to the white juice.

## 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/lactuca-sativa/>



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