

# Lamium galeobdolon

## COMMON NAME

aluminium plant

## SYNONYMS

*Galeobdolon luteum* subsp. *luteum* cv. *Variegatum*, *Galeopsis galeobdolon* L., *Lamiastrum galeobdolon* (L.) Ehrend. & Polatschek, *Lamium luteum* (Huds.) Krock.

## FAMILY

Lamiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Lamium galeobdolon* (L.) L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

LAMGAL

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Disturbed bush, shrubland, fernland and margins throughout New Zealand.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

An erect, stoloniferous mat-forming invasive pleasant smelling perennial herb to 50cm tall. Leaves mint-like- lance shaped to egg-shaped leaves to 8cm long by 6cm across, long stalked. Leaves pointed, coarsely-toothed with pale silvery-grey patches on either side of midrib on upper surface. Purplish square, densely hairy stems. Long non-rooting runners. Yellow flowers are 2-2.5cm long with upper and lower lips, occurring in dense axillary whorls (Dec-May).

## SIMILAR TAXA

No other species with silver patches on the leaves.

## FLOWERING

December, January, February, March, April, May.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Spreads vegetatively, seed not known from New Zealand. Dispersed by stolon fragments via soil movement, vegetative spread.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1988

## ORIGIN

Europe, western Asia

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental



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A cover of *Galeobdolon luteum*. Photographer: John Barkla, Licence: CC BY.

## TOLERANCES

Tolerates moderate shade, physical damage, wet to moderately dry, many soil types.

## NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

**This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord.** The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lamium-galeobdolon/>