

Medicago sativa

COMMON NAME

lucerne

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Medicago sativa L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

MEDSAT

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

YEAR NATURALISED

1875

ORIGIN

Mediterranean, W. Asia

ETYMOLOGY

medicago: Derived indirectly from the Persian name Media (an Iranian kingdom in existence from late second millennium BC to the first millennium BC), whence alfalfa allegedly originates.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/medicago-sativa/>



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