

Mentha ×piperita var. piperita

COMMON NAME

peppermint

FAMILY

Lamiaceae

AUTHORITY

Mentha ×piperita var. piperita L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

MENPVP

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

SIMILAR TAXA

Leaves usually distinctly petiolate, sometimes sessile on shoots in water, peppermint- or lemon scented. var.

piperita: leaves elliptic-lanceolate or narrow-elliptic, peppermint scented; spikes oblong or broad-oblong. var.

citrata: leaves usually broad-ovate, lemon scented; spikes +/- subglobose or head-like.

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

YEAR NATURALISED

1846

ORIGIN

Europe

ETYMOLOGY

mentha: Mint

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/mentha-piperita-var-piperita/>

