

Mentha spicata subsp. spicata

COMMON NAME

mint

FAMILY

Lamiaceae

AUTHORITY

Mentha spicata L. subsp. *spicata*

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

SIMILAR TAXA

subsp. *spicata*: Stems glabrous or sparsely hairy. Leaves with hairs confined to veins on lower surface; lamina rounded to cordate at base. Inflorescences glabrous or sparsely hairy; spikes slender or fairly stout, often interrupted, especially in lower part. Corolla almost glabrous outside. Nutlets present or 0. Two distinct forms of subsp. *spicata* are naturalised. 1) Lanceolate or narrow-elliptic +/- plane leaves, deciduous in colder areas. 2) Ovate, ovate-oblong or elliptic rugose leaves, evergreen in all parts of the country.

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

ETYMOLOGY

mentha: Mint

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/mentha-spicata-subsp-spicata/>



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