

Nemesia fruticans cv.

COMMON NAME

Mauve nemesia

FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

AUTHORITY

Nemesia fruticans (Thunb.) Benth.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Violet/Purple, White

LIFE CYCLE

A perennial herbaceous plant that is commonly grown in gardens as an annual

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Nemesia fruticans (a perennial) is used mostly as a flowering bedding plant and as an ornamental pot plant. Various colour forms are available from specialist nurseries. Plants are mostly raised from stem cuttings to ensure 'pure' lines and (if so desired) seed.

YEAR NATURALISED

2013

ORIGIN

South Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

nemesia: The name "Nemesia" is derived from the name "Nemesion", the generic name of a similar plant.

fruticans: The epithet "fruticans" is derived from the Latin word "frutex" which means a shrubby plant.

New Zealand specimens of *Nemesia fruticans* are probably not pure but of hybrid origin for this reason we designate the few collections / records known with the abbreviation 'cv' (cultivar). An exact parentage for the wild plants in New Zealand is as yet unknown (P.M. Datson pers. comm.).

ATTRIBUTION

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/nemesia-fruticans-cv/>



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