

Solanum lycopersicum

COMMON NAME

tomato

FAMILY

Solanaceae

AUTHORITY

Solanum lycopersicum L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

SOLLYC

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1864

ORIGIN

Andes, possibly north towards Mexico

ETYMOLOGY

solanum: Derivation uncertain - possibly from the Latin word sol, meaning "sun," referring to its status as a plant of the sun. Another possibility is that the root was solare, meaning "to soothe," or solamen, meaning "a comfort," which would refer to the soothing effects of the plant upon ingestion.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/solanum-lycopersicum/>



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