

# Solanum melongena

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

Solanum melongena L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, Yellow

## 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.

## Reason For Introduction

Vegetable

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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