

Solanum muricatum

COMMON NAME

pepino

FAMILY

Solanaceae

AUTHORITY

Solanum muricatum W.T.Aiton

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1989

ORIGIN

Tropical Andes; possibly arose in cultivation in Peru

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.

muricatum: Furnished with numerous short hard excrescences

MORE INFORMATION

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



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