

# Solanum nigrum

## COMMON NAME

black nightshade

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Solanum nigrum* L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

SOLNIG

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1853

## ORIGIN

Eurasia

## 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.

**nigrum:** Latin meaning black

## POISONOUS PLANT

Often mistaken for deadly nightshade. Recorded as being moderately toxic if eaten. The black berries are not very toxic.

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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