

# Solanum villosum

## COMMON NAME

Red-berried nightshade

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Solanum villosum* Mill.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1969

## ORIGIN

Possibly 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.

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Conner, A.J.; Schönberger, I.; Jacobs, J.M.E. 2022 *Solanum villosum* (Solanaceae) in New Zealand. Canterbury Botanical Soc. Journal 53: 64-71

## MORE INFORMATION

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

