



Hypericum perforatum

Common Name(s):

St John's wort

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Disturbed short tussockland, herbfield, bare land.

Features:

Hairless perennial herb to 1 m tall. Roots with slender, creeping rhizomes. Stems singly or severally from base, erect, round with 2 ridges, woody at base, upper branches in opposite pairs at 45 degrees. Leaves in opposite pairs, stalkless, narrow to oval, 10-27 x 1-8 mm, with many translucent glandular dots. Flowerhead a terminal, flat-topped panicle, dense, many-flowered. Flowers star-like, 8-20 mm diam, golden yellow, with 5 black-dotted petals, Dec-May. Stems usually die in autumn, leaving prostrate, barren, leafy shoots, often forming dense mats.

Flowering:

December, January, February, March, April, May

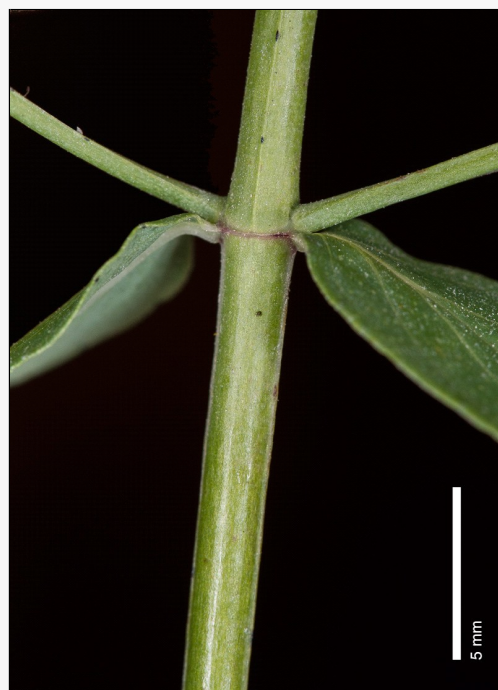
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Caption: Lower Hutt. Feb 2013.

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Caption: Stem and leaf node. Lower Hutt. Feb 2013.

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