

# Solanum nitidibaccatum

## COMMON NAME

hairy nightshade

## SYNONYMS

*Solanum physalifolium* var. *nitidibaccatum*

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Solanum nitidibaccatum* Bitter

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1968

## ORIGIN

S. America

## 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.

Poisonous plant:

The mottled green and white fruits are poisonous if eaten.

## ATTRIBUTION

Corrected the alternative name to *Solanum physalifolium* var. *nitidibaccatum* . C C Ogle 24Oct19

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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