

Puya chilensis

FAMILY

Bromeliaceae

AUTHORITY

Puya chilensis Molina

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Forms large clumps with dense rosettes; leaves grey-green, elongated, curved with hooked spines on margins. Yellow flowers on erect emergent spikes up to 2m tall

DISTRIBUTION

Minor garden escape by seed in NZ, with some establishment by off-sets to make larger clumps.

SIMILAR TAXA

Other Puya species. Many are smaller than *P. chilensis* and with pink, sea-green or blue flowers

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

FRUITING

Dry capsules on tall branched spikes

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed or division

YEAR NATURALISED

2011

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/puya-chilensis/>



Clump with dead seed-heads, in sheep-grazed paddock, near Fordell, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 04/03/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Fruiting clump in large garden, near Fordell, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 04/03/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.