

# Adiantum raddianum

## COMMON NAMES

maidenhair

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

## GENUS

Adiantum

## FAMILY

Pteridaceae

## AUTHORITY

Adiantum raddianum C. Presl

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1981

## ORIGIN

American tropics

## ETYMOLOGY

**adiantum:** From the Greek a- 'without, lacking' and diantos 'moistened', the fronds of this fern are supposed to remain dry after submersion in water

## ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

**This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC.** 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

## NVS CODE

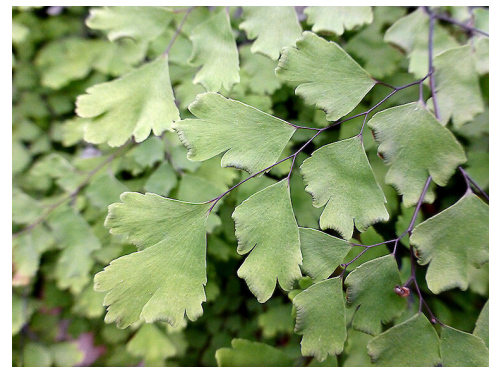
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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/adiantum-raddianum/>

## PDF DATE

27 May 2026



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