

# Adiantum viridescens

## COMMON NAME

Maidenhair

## SYNONYMS

None

## FAMILY

Pteridaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Adiantum viridescens* Colenso

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

## NVS CODE

ADIVIR

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 116

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## FLOWERING

Not applicable - spore producing

## FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

## FRUITING

Not applicable - spore producing

## LIFE CYCLE

Minute spores are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## 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

**viridescens:** From the Latin viridis 'green', meaning 'becoming green'

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 2009 Vol. 11 No. 4 pp. 285-309



*Adiantum viridescens* sori viewed from underside of frond. Photographer: John Braggins



Kennedy Bay. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth

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