

# Adiantum viridescens

## COMMON NAMES

maidenhair

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Taxonomically Indistinct

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

## GENUS

Adiantum

## FAMILY

Pteridaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Adiantum viridescens* Colenso

## SYNONYMS

None

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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'

## NVS CODE

ADIVIR

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 116

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen MJ, Dickinson KJM, Seddon PJ. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285–309. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ppees.2009.06.001>.

## MORE INFORMATION

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

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