

Arisarum proboscideum

COMMON NAME

mousetail plant

FAMILY

Araceae

AUTHORITY

Arisarum proboscideum (L.) Savi

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DISTRIBUTION

Naturalised (garden escape). Recorded once in 1986 from a gully system in Hamilton City (WAIK 6157)

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easily grown from tubers and spreadign readily from these in cultivated sites. The sole naturalisation known probably came from discarded garden waste containing tubers of this species. Commonly cultivated in many parts of New Zealand.

ETYMOLOGY

arisarum: Possible from the Greek arista 'bristle' or 'awn' and arum, to which the genus is allied, referring to spathe of flower having a spike.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/arisarum-proboscideum/>

