

Arthropodium bifurcatum

COMMON NAMES

rengarenga Lily

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DPR, DPT, PD

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Arthropodium

FAMILY

Asparagaceae

AUTHORITY

Arthropodium bifurcatum Heenan, A.D.Mitchell et de Lange

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seeds are dispersed by wind (Thorsen et al., 2009)

WHERE TO BUY

Common in cultivation and widely available from most nurseries under the cultivar names *A. cirratum* cv. White Knight or cv. Matapouri Bay.

ETYMOLOGY

arthropodium: From the Greek words arthron 'joint' and pous 'foot', referring to the jointed floral foot stalks.

bifurcatum: From the Latin bi- 'two' and furcus 'fork', meaning two-pronged

NVS CODE

ARTBIF

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Relict | Qualifiers: PD

2012 | At Risk – Relict | Qualifiers: PD

2009 | At Risk – Relict | Qualifiers: PD

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Relict | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the “Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland” Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

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

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/arthropodium-bifurcatum/>

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