

Arthropodium cirratum

COMMON NAME

Renga lily, Rengarenga, Rock lily

SYNONYMS

Anthericum cirratum Forst.f.

FAMILY

Asparagaceae

AUTHORITY

Arthropodium cirratum (Forst.f.) R.Br.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Monocotyledonous Herbs

NVS CODE

ARTCIR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

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

ETYMOLOGY

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

cirratum: Curled

WHERE TO BUY

Common in cultivation, though in recent years it has been somewhat superseded by *A. bifurcatum* (which is less prone to snail and slug damage).

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-cirratum/>



Coromandel, November. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Close up of flowers. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth