

# Asplenium aethiopicum

## FAMILY

Aspleniaceae

## AUTHORITY

Asplenium aethiopicum (N.L.Burm.) Becherer

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## DISTRIBUTION

Naturalised in New Zealand. Reported from Bay of Islands, Auckland and Christchurch. Uncommon but appears to be increasing around Auckland.

## YEAR NATURALISED

2003

## ETYMOLOGY

**asplenium:** From the Greek a- 'without' and splene 'spleen', a northern hemisphere species, the black spleenwort (*Asplenium adiantum-nigrum*), was once believed to be a cure for diseases of the spleen.

**aethiopicum:** Africa (especially South Africa); name derived from Aethiops, an African and son of Vulcan, the Greek God of metalworking and fire

## Reason For Introduction

Horticultural

## Reproduction

By spores

## Dispersal

Wind dispersed

## Tolerances

Dislikes damp or wet places. Prefers dry, hot, sunny sites.

## ATTRIBUTION

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## NZPCN FACT SHEET CITATION

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