

Astelia banksii

COMMON NAME

coastal astelia, shore kowharawhara

SYNONYMS

None

FAMILY

Asteliaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

NVS CODE

ASTBAN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 70

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Confined to the North Island where it occurs in coastal situations south to about the Kawhia and Tauranga Harbours

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

astelia: Stemless

banksii: Named after Sir Joseph Banks, 1st Baronet, GCB, PRS (24 February 1743 - 19 June 1820) was an English naturalist, botanist and patron of the natural sciences.

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



Coromandel. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Close up of flowers, Coromandel. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/astelia-banksii/>