

# Astelia banksii

## COMMON NAME

Coastal astelia, shore kowharawhara

## SYNONYMS

None

## FAMILY

Asteliaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Astelia banksii* A.Cunn.

## 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



North Cape. Feb 2011. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



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**MORE INFORMATION**

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