

# Astelia fragrans

## COMMON NAME

bush flax, bush lily, kakaha

## SYNONYMS

*Astelia nervosa* var. *sylvestris* Cockayne et Allan

## FAMILY

Asteliaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Astelia fragrans* Colenso

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## NVS CODE

ASTFRA

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 70

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

## LIFE CYCLE

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**astelia**: Stemless

**fragrans**: Fragrant

## 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/astelia-fragrans/>



Tararua range. January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Holdsworth, Tararua Forest Park. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe