

# Astelia solandri

## COMMON NAMES

perching lily, kōwharawhara

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North, South and Stewart Islands

## GENUS

Astelia

## FAMILY

Asteliaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Astelia solandri* A.Cunn.

## SYNONYMS

*Astelia cunninghamii* Hook.f.; *Astelia cunninghamii* subsp. *hookeriana* Kirk; *Astelia polyneuron* Col.; *Astelia solandri* subsp. *hookerana* (Kirk) L.B.Moore

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**astelia**: Stemless

**solandri**: Named after Daniel Carlsson Solander (19 February 1733 - 13 May 1782) who was a Swedish naturalist and an apostle of Carl Linnaeus.

## NVS CODE

ASTSOL

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 70



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## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the ["Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland"](#) Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

## 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-solandri/>

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