

Astelia solandri

COMMON NAME

perching lily, kōwharawhara

SYNONYMS

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

FAMILY

Asteliaceae

AUTHORITY

Astelia solandri A.Cunn.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

NVS CODE

ASTSOL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 70

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North, South and Stewart Islands

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink

LIFE CYCLE

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.



Staminate flowers. Hayward Scenic Reserve, Lower Hutt. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



Staminate inflorescence. Hayward Scenic Reserve, Lower Hutt. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe

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/>