

Babiana angustifolia

COMMON NAMES

baboon-flower

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

GENUS

Babiana

FAMILY

Iridaceae

AUTHORITY

Babiana angustifolia Sweet

SYNONYMS

Also known as *Babiana stricta* var. *angustifolia* (Sweet) Baker (see <http://www.theplantlist.org/tpl/record/kew-326789>). In NZ this species has, incorrectly, been called *B. stricta* in the past but that is a separate species.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1972

ORIGIN

South Africa

ETYMOLOGY

babiana: From the Dutch word *babiener* 'baboon', which is said to eat the bulbs

angustifolia: From the Latin *angustus* 'narrow, constricted' and *folius* 'leaf', meaning narrow-leaved

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/babiana-angustifolia/>

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