

# Clematis terniflora

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Deciduous woody climber with weakly ribbed, more or less square stems. Leaves pinnate up to 25 by 20 cm, the leaflets are leathery, ovate and with entire margins. White flowers with 4 linear petals arranged like a cross are borne in profusion in Autumn.

## SIMILAR TAXA

The cross-shaped white flowers and the entire margins on the leathery leaflets make this species distinctive

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Bush margins, shrubland.

## GENUS

Clematis

## FAMILY

Ranunculaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Clematis terniflora* DC.

## SYNONYMS

*Clematis maximowicziana* Franch. & Sav.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FLOWERING

April, May

## FRUITING

May, June

## YEAR NATURALISED

1988

## ORIGIN

Korea, China, Japan

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

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## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seed is dispersed by wind and humans.

## ETYMOLOGY

**clematis**: From the Greek klema 'vine', alluding to the vine-like habit of many species

## ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

**This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC.** 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/clematis-terniflora/>

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