

Clematis tibetana subsp. vernayi

COMMON NAMES

Oriental clematis

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A deciduous woody climber or scrambler with weakly ribbed cylindrical stems. Opposite leaves; hairless to sparsely hairy, and can be coated with a readily removed fine whitish bloom. Leaves are usually 8-15cm long and 7-12cm wide. Leaflets are thin, lanceolate in shape with sharply toothed margins. The leaf stalks are 4-8 cm long, hairless or with fine silky hairs present. The green-yellow flowers hang down, and occur solitary in leaf axils. The 4 conspicuous sepals are hairless on the outside but have silky hairs on the inside and dense hairs near margins; 13-19 x 5-8 mm, lanceolate in shape. Anthers are 3-4 mm long. Seed heads develop January-April, persisting through the winter as yellowish green fluffy balls. The achenes are compressed and hairy (c. 4mm long), with a 3-4.5cm long feathery style.

SIMILAR TAXA

Do NOT confuse with *Clematis tangutica*, which has green serrate leaflets and barely spreading sepals, which are hairy on the outside and hairless within. *C. tangutica* is only known wild from near Lauder (Found cultivated in Wellington in 2004).

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

GENUS

Clematis

FAMILY

Ranunculaceae

AUTHORITY

Clematis tibetana subsp. *vernayi* (C.E.C.Fisch.) Grey-Wilson

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

January, February, March

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

NW India (N. Kashmir), W. China (Xizang and W. Gansu).



REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial

ETYMOLOGY

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

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/clematis-tibetana-subsp-vernayi/>

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