

Eccremocarpus scaber

COMMON NAMES

Chilean glory creeper

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Red/Pink

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A multi-branched climbing subshrub. Evergreen, or deciduous in colder climates, with aerial shoots dying back in winter. Leaves are in opposite pairs, each leaf comprising 2-3 (-7) leaflets, arranged alternately to sub-opposite. The leaflets are thin, variable in size and shape but are generally oval and about 2 cm long. Flowers are numerous and are a showy orange-red outside and orange within. Petals are c. 2.5 cm long, rounded, and slightly rolled backwards at the tips. Flowering occurs from Sept-May. Fruit capsules are glossy, slightly wrinkled and oval shaped; 4.5 x 2 cm. Seeds are black with a prominent wing that aids wind dispersal.

GENUS

Eccremocarpus

FAMILY

Bignoniaceae

AUTHORITY

Eccremocarpus scaber Ruiz & Pav.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1940

ORIGIN

Chile- Andes

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Eccremocarpus scaber

ETYMOLOGY

eccremocarpus: From the Greek ekkremes 'pendent' and karpos 'seed', the seed vessels being pendulous.

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).



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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](#).

NVS CODE

ECCSCA

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/eccremocarpus-scaber/>

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