

# Hyacinthus orientalis

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Violet/Purple

## GENUS

Hyacinthus

## FAMILY

Asparagaceae

## AUTHORITY

Hyacinthus orientalis L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ETYMOLOGY

**hyacinthus:** Named after Hyakinthos, from whose dying blood sprang hyacinth flowers in Greek mythology.

**orientalis:** From the Latin orientale, meaning 'eastern' but sometimes also translated as 'from the Orient'.

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hyacinthus-orientalis/>

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