

Icarus filiformis

COMMON NAME

thread fern, climbing hard fern

SYNONYMS

Struthiopteris filiformis (A.Cunn.) Ching; *Spicanta filiformis* (A.Cunn.) Kuntze; *Stenochlaena heteromorpha* J.Sm.; *Stenochlaena hügelii* (C.Presl) Fée ex Underw.; *Lomaria propinqua* A.Cunn.; *Lomariopsis heteromorpha* (J.Sm.) T.Moore; *Lomariopsis hügelii* C.Presl; *Blechnum reptans* Lueres.; *Lomaria filiformis* A.Cunn.; *Lomaria pimpinellifolia* Hook.f.; *Blechnum filiforme* (A.Cunn.) Ettingsh.

FAMILY

Blechnaceae

AUTHORITY

Icarus filiformis (A.Cunn.) Gasper et Salino

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

NVS CODE

BLEFIL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 66

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

ETYMOLOGY

filiformis: From the Latin filum 'thread' and forma 'shape', meaning thread-shaped



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TAXONOMIC INFORMATION

Perrie et al. (2014) advocated for a broadened circumscription of Blechnaceae whereby a number of genera traditionally recognised as distinct from *Blechnum* were merged within it. However, this view has not met with universal acceptance (see Gasper et al. 2016) and does not seem to be followed worldwide (PPG 2016). From a New Zealand perspective the decision to merge *Doodia* in *Blechnum*, and rejection of *Diploblechnum* has not been universally accepted either e.g., Wilcox & Warden (2017), and as such it is considered appropriate to follow world opinion and accept the taxonomy of Gasper et al. (2016) and recommendations of the PPG (2016).

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/icarus-filiformis/>