Iris germanica

COMMON NAMES
bearded iris

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Monocots

FLOWER COLOURS
Violet/Purple, White

GENUS
Iris

FAMILY
Iridaceae

AUTHORITY
Iris germanica L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

YEAR NATURALISED
1868

ORIGIN
Origin Doubtful

ETYMOLOGY
iris: From the Greek iris ‘rainbow’, presumably in reference to the many colours of the flowers (Johnson and Smith, 1986).
germanica: Of Germany

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/iris-germanica/

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