

# Iris orientalis

## COMMON NAMES

Oriental iris

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## GENUS

Iris

## FAMILY

Iridaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Iris orientalis* Mill.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1951

## ORIGIN

Turkey, E. Aegean Is, Asia Minor

## ETYMOLOGY

**iris**: From the Greek iris 'rainbow', presumably in reference to the many colours of the flowers (Johnson and Smith, 1986).

**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

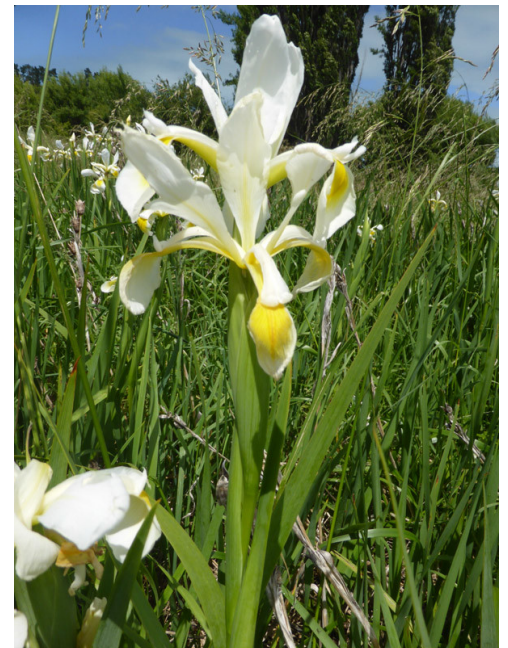
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