

Iris orientalis

COMMON NAME

Oriental iris

FAMILY

Iridaceae

AUTHORITY

Iris orientalis Mill.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

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

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



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