# Iris unguicularis

## **COMMON NAME**

Algerian iris

#### **FAMILY**

Iridaceae

## **AUTHORITY**

Iris unguicularis Poir.

# **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Exotic

#### STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

#### **CONSERVATION STATUS**

Not applicable

# **ETYMOLOGY**

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

#### 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-unguicularis/





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