

Macfadyena unguis-cati

COMMON NAMES

Cats paw, Chilean Creeper

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

GENUS

Macfadyena

FAMILY

Bignoniaceae

AUTHORITY

Macfadyena unguis-cati (L.) A.H.Gentry

SYNONYMS

Dolichandra unguis-cati (L.) L.G.Lohmann

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Cold tolerant

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial vine, reproduces by seed and asexual spread from layering. Short-lived winged seeds dispersed by wind and gravity.

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).



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ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC. 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/macfadyena-unguis-cati/>

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