

Oxypetalum coeruleum

COMMON NAMES

Tweedia, Blue milkweed, Star of the Argentine, Southern star

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Scrambling or twining herbaceous to somewhat woody perennial with soft downy leaves and turquoise-blue flowers. Milky sap when broken, may be irritating to skin.

FLOWER COLOURS

Blue

SIMILAR TAXA

Vegetatively resembles moth vine (*Araujia sericifera*) but the blue flowers immediately distinguish it.

GENUS

Oxypetalum

FAMILY

Apocynaceae

AUTHORITY

Oxypetalum coeruleum (D.Don ex Sweet) Decne.

SYNONYMS

Tweedia caerulea *Oxypetalum caeruleum*

TAXONOMIC NOTES

Previously in Asclepiadaceae.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

Southern Brazil, Uruguay

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/oxypetalum-coeruleum/>

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