

# Veltheimia bracteata

## COMMON NAME

Forest lily, sand onion

## FAMILY

Hyacinthaceae

## AUTHORITY

Veltheimia bracteata Harv. ex Bak.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Large bulbs produce leaves mid-winter, flower spikes appear from late August (in NZ).

## DISTRIBUTION

An occasional plant in NZ gardens. First wild record was in a green waste dump, and presumed to be a garden discard.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Rosette of glossy leaves with undulating margins; inflorescence at tip of 25-50 cm erect stems.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## YEAR NATURALISED

2005

## ORIGIN

Cape Province, South Africa

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## ATTRIBUTION

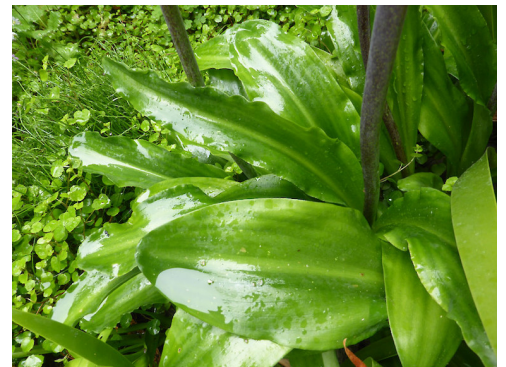
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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/veltheimia-bracteata/>



Inflorescence with flower buds close to opening; garden, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 25/09/2015, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Rosette of leaves with flower stems emerging; garden, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 25/09/2015, Licence: CC BY-NC.