

Adiantum viridescens

COMMON NAMES

maidenhair

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Taxonomically Indistinct

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DETAILED TAXONOMY

FAMILY

Pteridaceae

AUTHORITY

Adiantum viridescens Colenso

SYNONYMS

None

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ECOLOGY

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Minute spores are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

OTHER INFORMATION

ETYMOLOGY

adiantum: From the Greek a- 'without, lacking' and diantos 'moistened', the fronds of this fern are supposed to remain dry after submersion in water

viridescens: From the Latin viridis 'green', meaning 'becoming green'

NVS CODE

ADIVIR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 116

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REFERENCING AND CITATIONS

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Thorsen MJ, Dickinson KJM, Seddon PJ. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285–309. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ppees.2009.06.001>.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/adiantum-viridescens/>

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