

Astelia trinervia

COMMON NAMES

Kauri grass

SYNONYMS

None

FAMILY

Asteliaceae

AUTHORITY

Astelia trinervia Kirk

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

NVS CODE

ASTTRI

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

$2n = 210$

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. In the North Island common from Te Pahi to near Awakino in the West and Tauranga in the East. In the South Island known only from North West Nelson

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are primarily dispersed by frugivory and possibly also by wind and granivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

astelia: Stemless

trinervia: Three nerves



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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 2009 Vol. 11 No. 4 pp. 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/astelia-trinervia/>

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