

Anredera cordifolia

COMMON NAME

Madeira vine

FAMILY

Basellaceae

AUTHORITY

Anredera cordifolia (Ten.) Steenis

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Coastal localities, wasteland, especially shrub covered areas such as coastal gullies.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Climbing vine with slender stems often reddish, ageing to dull brown. Leaves slightly succulent, less so when exposed to high light, shining, broadly oval shaped, up to 13 cm with small irregular tubers where they join to the stem. Tubers can accumulate to form large clusters. Long hanging racemes of small white fragrant flowers to 18cm long are produced January to April.

SIMILAR TAXA

The stem tubers help distinguish this species from all other naturalised vines in NZ.

FLOWERING

January, February, March, April

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Reproduces vegetatively by producing knobbly tubers which are produced frequently in the leaf axils along the stems; fruit is not formed in New Zealand. Dispersed by gravity, seawater, machinery, soil movement,

YEAR NATURALISED

1940

ORIGIN

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REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Tolerant to salt, prefers moist areas but can survive very harsh conditions and re-sprouts from corms when conditions are more favourable.



Stem tubers. Growing on boxthorn.
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