

Tritonia gladiolaris

SYNONYMS

Trintonia lineata (Salisb.) Ker Gawl.

FAMILY

Iridaceae

AUTHORITY

Tritonia gladiolaris (Lam.) Goldblatt et J.C. Manning

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

NVS CODE

TRILIN

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Deciduous, with corms that resprout mid-winter; flowering Sept-Oct

HABITAT

Dry, very well-drained wasteland and dunes

SIMILAR TAXA

Freesia leichtlinii, which lacks the fine purple veins on underside of the tepals

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

FRUITING

Seedlings appear around potted plants

LIFE CYCLE

Spread of corms in garden discards; dune disturbance.

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Corms and seeds, but too invasive to bring into cultivation.

YEAR NATURALISED

1945

ORIGIN

South Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

CONTROL TECHNIQUES

Hand-weeding, but it is difficult to extract every corm and cormlet

NZPCN FACT SHEET CITATION

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