

Hyacinthus orientalis

FAMILY

Asparagaceae

AUTHORITY

Hyacinthus orientalis L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Violet/Purple

ETYMOLOGY

hyacinthus: Named after Hyakinthos, from whose dying blood sprang hyacinth flowers in Greek mythology.

orientalis: From the Latin orientale, meaning 'eastern' but sometimes also translated as 'from the Orient'.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hyacinthus-orientalis/>

