

# Watsonia marginata

## FAMILY

Iridaceae

## AUTHORITY

Watsonia marginata Ker Gawl.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Grows up to 1.5m tall with basal leaves up to 500 mm long. The flowers are pale violet with a white to purplish red triangular mark on each petal.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Distinguishable from *Watsonia bulbillifera* by lack of bulbils on stem.

## FLOWERING

October - December

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1959

## ORIGIN

South Africa

## ETYMOLOGY

**marginata:** From the Latin marginatus 'edge, margin', where one colour is surrounded by a very narrow rim of another

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/watsonia-marginata/>

