

Herpolirion novae-zelandiae

COMMON NAME

Grass lily, sky lily

FAMILY

Xanthorrhoeaceae

AUTHORITY

Herpolirion novae-zelandiae Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

NVS CODE

HERNOV

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 16

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

LIFE CYCLE

Capsules are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

herpolirion: Creeping lily

novae-zelandiae: Of New Zealand

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* 11: 285-309.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/herpolirion-novae-zelandiae/>



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