

# Hesperantha cucullata

## COMMON NAME

Aandblom (Afrikaans, meaning 'evening flower')

## FAMILY

Iridaceae

## AUTHORITY

Hesperantha cucullata Klatt

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## FRUITING

Seeds freely into lawns or gravel near planted specimens.

## YEAR NATURALISED

2016

## ORIGIN

South Africa

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

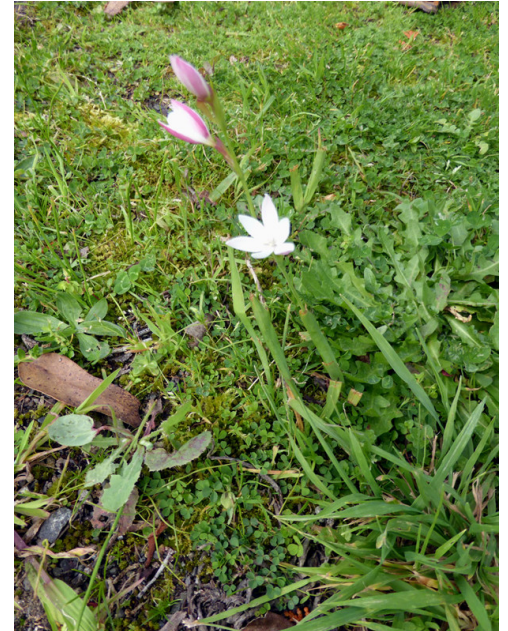
Ornamental - sold as cut flower and as corms (I Bell, pers. comm.; sometimes sold, incorrectly, as *H. baurii*)

## ATTRIBUTION

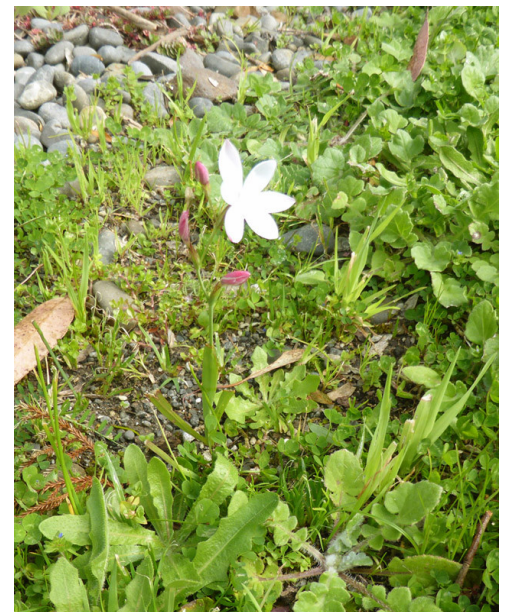
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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hesperantha-cucullata/>



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