

Iris innominata

COMMON NAME

Del Norte iris; Pacific Coast iris (see 'notes' below)

FAMILY

Iridaceae

AUTHORITY

Iris innominata L.F.Henderson

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Tufted evergreen iris with short woody rhizomes. Flower colour highly variable in cultivation, partly the result of hybridisation with other Pacific Coast irises. Two flowers per culm.

DISTRIBUTION

Widely cultivated in NZ, perhaps less so now than formerly; seedlings common among and near planted specimens

HABITAT

Full sun; well-drained soils

YEAR NATURALISED

2010

ORIGIN

southern Oregon, and California

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

iris: From the Greek iris 'rainbow', presumably in reference to the many colours of the flowers (Johnson and Smith, 1986).

NOTES ON COMMON NAMES

Del Norte Iris may apply to plants from from just one location in California; 'Pacific iris' applies to several species

ATTRIBUTION

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/iris-innominata/>



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