

# Kleinia repens

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Kleinia repens* Haw.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## SIMILAR TAXA

None. Also known in New Zealand as *Senecio serpens* G.B.Rowley

## FLOWERING

Throught out the year

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## FRUITING

Seed not formed.

## LIFE CYCLE

Long-lived, perennial succulent herb. Reproduces asexually - viable seed not formed. Wind dispersed. Apparently only one clone exists in New Zealand, this is self incompatible so seed is not formed. Spread mainly through careless disposal of garden waste. An uncommon cultivation escape.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1988

## ORIGIN

South Africa.

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural.

## CONTROL TECHNIQUES

Best buried at depth or allowed to fully dry out before being burnt (this is the preferred method of control).

## TOLERANCES

Very drought resistant. Can tolerate salt water immersion for up to one month.

## ETYMOLOGY

**repens:** From Latin *reperere* meaning to creep, means creeping

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). *Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning.* Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.



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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kleinia-repens/>