

Libertia chilensis

FAMILY

Iridaceae

AUTHORITY

Libertia chilensis (Molina) Gunckel

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

perennial, evergreen herb with short rhizomes, forming robust clumps; flower heads emergent from foliage; Petals in 3s, white, imbricating (overlapping) in some cultivated plants but not in others (these may or may not be taxonomically different).

FLOWER COLOURS

White

FRUITING

Fruits remain for > 12 months

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Self-seeding in NZ near planted specimens.

ORIGIN

Chile

ETYMOLOGY

libertia: Named after Marie-Anne Libert, (1782-1865) born & died in Malmedy, province of Liège, Belgium; botanist and mycologist

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/libertia-chilensis/>



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