

# Lilaeopsis brasiliensis

## SYNONYMS

*Crantzia brasiliensis* Glaz.

## FAMILY

Apiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Lilaeopsis brasiliensis* (Glaz.) Affolter

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## DISTRIBUTION

South America, Brazil - in New Zealand known from Te Auanga (Oakley Creek), Auckland

## HABITAT

In New Zealand recorded growing semi-submerged in sand and silt under willows (*Salix fragilis*) on the side of a creek.

## SIMILAR TAXA

*Lilaeopsis brasiliensis* differs from the two New Zealand species *L. novae-zelandiae* and *L. ruthiana*, by its flat rather than tubular, sparingly, inconspicuously septate leaves and cream-coloured flowers. The flowers of *Lilaeopsis* are borne in 3-flowered inflorescences, those of the New Zealand species are either solitary or, more rarely 2-flowered.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Cream

## YEAR NATURALISED

2017

## ORIGIN

South America

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Aquarium Trade - grown as an ornamental in Aquarium Tanks

## ETYMOLOGY

**lilaeopsis**: Charming the eye

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lilaeopsis-brasiliensis/>

