

# Lilium formosanum

## COMMON NAME

Formosan lily

## FAMILY

Liliaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Lilium formosanum* A.Wallace

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## NVS CODE

LILFOR

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial, Disturbed areas, Roadsides, Dunes.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial herb with simple stem to about 75 cm. Stems root freely at ground level. Many dark-green strap-like leaves to about 13 cm long. Large white trumpet-like flowers, often tinged purple on the outside.

## SIMILAR TAXA

The large white flowers tinged purple make this lily quite distinctive.

## FLOWERING

January, February, March

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## FRUITING

Feb-April

## LIFE CYCLE

Reproduces by vegetative spread and seed. Dispersed by people, gravity and water.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1972

## ORIGIN

Taiwan

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## TOLERANCES

Tolerant of salt,



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## NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

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## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Cameron, E.K. 1989. *Lilium formosanum* ii. Auckland Botanical Society Journal, 44:48-49.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lilium-formosanum/>