

Nolina longifolia

COMMON NAME

Mexican grass tree, Oaxacan tree nolina

SYNONYMS

Beaucarnea longifolia Yucca longifolia, Dasyilirion longifolium

FAMILY

Asparagaceae

AUTHORITY

Nolina longifolia (Karw. ex Schult. & Schult.f.) Hemsl.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Shrub with usually undivided trunk rising to 2 m from a massive bulbous base; leaves long, drooping and hiding the trunk, until the trunk elongates.

SIMILAR TAXA

Other Nolina species.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

* date of first NZ collection of naturalised seedlings

YEAR NATURALISED

Dec 2008*

ORIGIN

Mexico

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

longifolia: Long leaf

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/nolina-longifolia/>



Planted specimen with old flower-seed stalk.
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Foliage covering swollen stem base; planted
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