

Wachendorfia thyrsiflora

COMMON NAME

blood root

FAMILY

Haemodoraceae

AUTHORITY

Wachendorfia thyrsiflora L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Clump-forming, tuberous perennial. The basal leaf blades are hairless, entire, parallel veined and pleated. The rhizome is a distinctive red colour, containing a red fluid rich in arylphenalenone pigments. Dramatic bright yellow star-shaped flowers are produced on stalks up to 2.5m tall.

FLOWERING

October, November, December

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1973

ORIGIN

S. Africa

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/wachendorfia-thyrsiflora/>



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