

# Watsonia meriana

## COMMON NAME

watsonia

## FAMILY

Iridaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Watsonia meriana* (L.) Mill.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Coastal places near human settlements.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial herb with robust clumps up to about 1 m high, Inflorescence simple or branched, flowers 6-10 cm long, 3-5 cm diameter, rose-red, salmon-pink, cream tinged with green or white.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Can be distinguished from other *watsonia* by the absence of bulbils, the simple or sparingly branched inflorescence and the relatively large flowers (6-10 cm long).

## FLOWERING

September, October, November, December

## FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Red/Pink

## YEAR NATURALISED

1941

## ORIGIN

South Africa

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/watsonia-meriana/>



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