



Aristea ecklonii

Common Name(s):

aristea

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Shrubland, open and disturbed forest (esp Kauri) herbfields, bush margins, gumland, coastline, rocky and bare land, especially in warm areas.

Features:

Evergreen, iris-like perennial to 45 cm tall. Rhizomes woody, leaves linear, to 40 x 1 cm, sword-shaped, folded in reddish-purple-based fans, mostly basal but few on the stem. Stem flattened, slightly winged. Flowers 2 cm diameter, deep blue, in many clusters of 5-7 loose panicles, very fragile, opening briefly in bright sunlight. Seed capsule 2 cm long, grooved; seeds flat, dark red-brown.

Flowering:

October

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2547



Caption: Dune hollow, Whitiiau Scientific Reserve, Whanganui. Nov 2011.

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