



## *Wachendorfia thyrsiflora*

### **Common Name(s):**

blood root

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Features:**

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

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=2644](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2644)



**Caption:** Virginia Lake, Whanganui.  
Dec 2007.

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**Caption:** Immature fruiting head in  
homestead garden, Bushy Park,  
Whanganui

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