



Watsonia meriana var. *bulbillifera*

Common Name(s):

bulbil Watsonia

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Features:

Gladiolus-like, clump-forming, summer-green perennial to 2 m tall. Stout corms, 5-7 cm diam, with thick fibrous coat, multiply at ground level. Stem stiffly erect, 2 cm diam. Leaves sword-shaped, 2-5 x 30-60 cm, arising from base, folded, tough, fibrous, light green. Flowers curved, brick-red to salmon pink and 6-8cm long - numerous in a terminal spike. Petals 6, fused. Produces numerous brown cormils in clusters of up to 16 at nodes on the upper stem.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2646



Caption: *Watsonia bulbillifera*

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Caption: Flowering *Watsonia bulbillifera*

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