



## *Drosera capensis*

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

Cape sundew

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

Exotic

### **Distribution:**

Only known from two sites in Waitakere District, Auckland.

### **Habitat:**

Dune slack wetlands.

### **Features\*:**

Rosette-forming perennial herb. Leaves bright green, petiolate with a linear ligulate lamina, 8-16 cm x 4-6 mm. Lamina clad in red stalked glandular hairs secreting a sticky mucilage to trap insects and other small invertebrates. Peduncles several per plant, up to 30 cm long, glandular hairy, inflorescence a cyme of many (6-30) rose-pink regular 5-petalled flowers 12-14 mm across. Fruit a capsule, with each scape capable of producing 1000-2000 seeds.

### **Flowering:**

Late spring to summer

### **Fruiting:**

Summer to autumn

### **\*Attribution:**

Factsheet prepared by Paul Champion and Deborah Hofstra (NIWA).

### **References and further reading:**

[Wikipedia - Drosera-capensis](#)

Grow sundews website - [http://www.growsundews.com/sundews/Drosera\\_capensis.html](http://www.growsundews.com/sundews/Drosera_capensis.html)

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

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=4596](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=4596)



**Caption:** *Drosera capensis*

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