

CALADENIA IRIDESCENS - A NEW RECORD FOR N.Z.E.D. Hatch

In the course of his researches at Kew, Mark Clements came on 2 N.Z. specimens of Caladenia iridescens. This puzzled him since the species had never been reported from N.Z.

We exchanged notes and photographs and agreed that the plant I had described in 1963 as forma calliniger was in fact iridescens. Photographs from the Grampian Mountains in Victoria, and from the Waitakere Ranges, are so much alike that if the site details were removed one would assume that they were all from the same locality. C. iridescens is recognised as a valid species in Australia and it is in order to use this name for the N.Z. plant.

Caladenia iridescens R.S. Rogers Trans. Roy. Soc. South Austr. 44: 1920, p.328, t.13.
syn. Caladenia carnea R.Br. var. minor (Hook.f.) Hatch forma calliniger Matth. ex Hatch Trans. Roy. Soc. N.Z. Bot. 2: 1963, p.187.

Distribution

Australia - southern NSW; western Victoria; Tasmania.

New Zealand - North Island - Silverdale and Albany; Waitakere, Hunua and Coromandel Ranges; Rainbow Mountain, Rotorua; Waihaha, Taupo.

Not unlike C. carnea var. minor in general form, but the flower is dark green with red pubescence, the dorsal sepal strongly cucullate, and the labellum disc, midlobe and all the calli, a dark chocolate brown.

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NATIVE VASCULAR FLORA OF THE WAITAKERE RANGE : further additions &cR.O. Gardner

- p.5 delete Hibiscus trionum
p.7 delete Rubus squarrosus
add Chenopodium glaucum ssp. ambiguum
Daucus glochidiatus
p.8 add Epilobium pubens
Myriophyllum triphyllum (M. elatinoides)
p.9 add Astelia grandis
p.11 add Tetraria capillaris
p.12 add Dichelachne micrantha

Einadia triandra (as Rhagodia triandra) has been recorded in error (Auck. Bot. Soc. Newsl. 38(2):27).

Grammitis billardieri, Scirpus sulcatus var. distigmatus and Rytidosperma clavatum require confirmation from specimens.

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