

KEY TO THE NEW ZEALAND CLEMATIS

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1. Plant low growing, non-lianoid C. marmoraria
Plant climbing, lianoid 2
2. Flowers with four sepals 3
Flowers with more than four sepals 5
3. Plant leafless in mature state C. afoliata
Plant leafy 4
4. Sepals brown or purple brown C. quadribracteolata
Sepals greenish yellow sometimes with a
brown blotch at base S. marata
5. Inflorescence a many flowered panicle,
usually more than eight flowers 6
Inflorescence of single flowers or a few-
flowered panicle, us. less than eight flowers. C. forsteri
6. Sepals pure white C. paniculata
Sepals green or greenish yellow 7
7. Leaves thick, coriaceous; peduncles stout .. C. foetida
Leaves thin, membranous; peduncles slender. C. cunninghamii

C. forsteri includes C. australis, C. hookeriana, and C. petrei.

C. parviflora has had its name changed to C. cunninghamii.

Note: It is hoped that Journal 20 will have brief descriptions of the above species with some interesting details on their flowering times. It may be possible, in line with present practice, to extend the key to include the adventive species. Ed.