

Arisaema taiwanense

COMMON NAME

Taiwan cobra lily, Jack-in-the-pulpit

FAMILY

Araceae

AUTHORITY

Arisaema taiwanense J. Murata

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Leaves and the flowering stem arise from a pseudostem; leaves described as "... solitary; petiole 10-40 cm long, usually longer than the pseudostem; lamina radiately 7-15-foliolate" (Jenn-Che Wang 1996); petiole green and purple spotted. Flowers minute, on a spadix surrounded by a purple-black spathe.

DISTRIBUTION

Uncommon in NZ gardens

SIMILAR TAXA

There are other *Arisaema* and related aroids, such as *Arisarum* (q.v.) in cultivation in NZ.

FLOWER COLOURS

Black, Purple

FRUITING

Sets seed in NZ gardens

LIFE CYCLE

Self-seeding in NZ

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed or division

YEAR NATURALISED

2010 (1st record was near Fordell, Whanganui)

ORIGIN

Taiwan

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ATTRIBUTION

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Jenn-Che Wang (1996) The Systematic Study of Taiwanese *Arisaema* (Araceae). Bot. Bull. Acad. Sin. (1996) 37: 61-87



flower head enclosed by purple-black spathe; spotted leaf stalk; garden, Fordell, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 06/11/2010, Licence: CC BY-NC.



'centre' of leaf stalk; garden, Fordell, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 06/11/2010, Licence: CC BY-NC.

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