

Kalanchoe delagoensis

COMMON NAME

mother of millions

SYNONYMS

Bryophyllum delagoense (Eckl. & Zeyh.) Schinz

FAMILY

Crassulaceae

AUTHORITY

Kalanchoe delagoensis Eckl. & Zeyh.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Habitat

SIMILAR TAXA

This perennial plant is a succulent that can form large clumps. Mother of millions grows up to approximately 60 cm high and has cylindrical leaves. These are fleshy and green with purple markings, arranged around the stem, almost like a conifer branch. The flowers are orange coloured, downwards-facing bells. They are clustered at the tops of the straight, grey-coloured stems. (Ermert and Clapp 1998)

FLOWERING

August, September, October

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

South Africa, Madagascar

Reproduction

This plant gains its name from its ability to form many new plants. New plantlets are formed at the leaf tips and drop to the ground to start a new plant. (Ermert and Clapp 1998)

Seed

4 clustered follicles (dry fruit). Produces many seeds (Coastcare, 1998)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kalanchoe-delagoensis/>

