

# Arisaema taiwanense

## COMMON NAMES

Taiwan cobra lily, Jack-in-the-pulpit

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## SIMPLIFIED 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.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Black, Purple

## SIMILAR TAXA

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

## DISTRIBUTION

Uncommon in NZ gardens

## GENUS

*Arisaema*

## FAMILY

Araceae

## AUTHORITY

*Arisaema taiwanense* J. Murata

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FRUITING

Sets seed in NZ gardens

## YEAR NATURALISED

2010 (1st record was near Fordell, Whanganui)

## ORIGIN

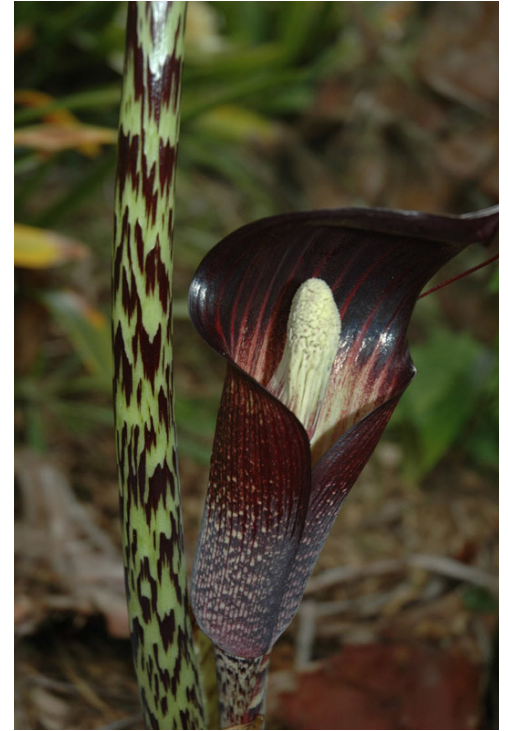
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## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Self-seeding in NZ



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.

## **PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE**

Seed or division

## **REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING**

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

## **ATTRIBUTION**

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## **MORE INFORMATION**

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/arisae-m-taiwanense/>

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