

Bomarea edulis

COMMON NAMES

salsilla

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes - Monocots

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Multi-stemmed vine with massed tubers. Red-pink flowers in umbels, tepals heavily spotted on inner surfaces. Self-establishes from seed.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

SIMILAR TAXA

Bomarea multiflora

DISTRIBUTION

One known site with naturalised seedlings

HABITAT

Garden

GENUS

Bomarea

FAMILY

Alstroemeriaceae

AUTHORITY

Bomarea edulis (Tussac) Herb.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

May-Dec

YEAR NATURALISED

2021

ORIGIN

Tropical Mexico and United States

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental, but perhaps also for edible tuners

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Leathery capsules with bright red seed

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Tubers, seeds



Multi-stemmed vine climbing through shrubs to 5 m or more; Bastia Hill, Whanganui; 6 May 2020. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 06/05/2020, Licence: Public domain.



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ETYMOLOGY

bomarea: Named after a French botanist

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/bomarea-edulis/>

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