# Coleus barbatus var. grandis

## **COMMON NAME**

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## **SYNONYMS**

Plectranthus grandis (Cramer) Willems

## **FAMILY**

Lamiaceae

## **AUTHORITY**

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# **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Exotic

# STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

# **CONSERVATION STATUS**

Not applicable

#### **HABITAT**

Terrestrial.

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

Soft wooded aromatic shrub up to 3 m high. Young shoots and leaves white-tomentose, becoming grey. Leaves 6-20 by 4-13 cm, on petioles of up to 4 cm. Inflorescence a simple raceme, or with short lateral branches, corolla deep blue.

## **FLOWERING**

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

## **FLOWER COLOURS**

Blue, Violet/Purple

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial

# YEAR NATURALISED

1988

#### **ORIGIN**

E Africa?

# **REASON FOR INTRODUCTION**

Ornamental

## **ETYMOLOGY**

barbatus: From the Latin 'barbus', meaning bearded or provided with tufts of long weak hairs

grandis: Big

# **MORE INFORMATION**

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coleus-barbatus-var-grandis/





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