

Coleus barbatus var. grandis

COMMON NAMES

plectranthus

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Violet/Purple

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.

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

GENUS

Coleus

FAMILY

Lamiaceae

AUTHORITY

Coleus barbatus var. *grandis* (L.H.Cramer) A.J.Paton

SYNONYMS

Plectranthus grandis (Cramer) Willems

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

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

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

E Africa?

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

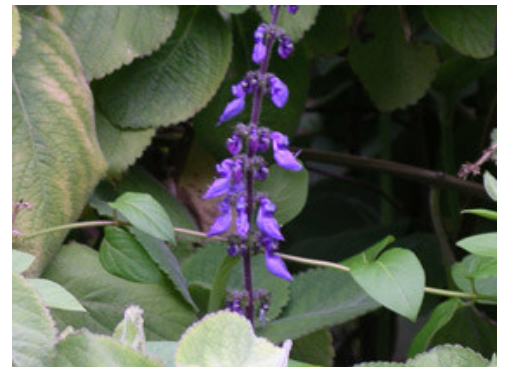
Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial



Plectranthus grandis showing growth form.
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Plectranthus grandis inflorescence.
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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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