

Hemerocallis fulva

COMMON NAMES

day lily, orange day lily

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Flowers yellow, red or orange, with single or double rows of petals (tepals); each flower remains open for a single day. Plant deciduous (summer-green); roots tuberous.

Reported to be of hybrid origin (see

<https://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/weedguide/singlerecord.asp?id=180>).

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Red/Pink, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Large clump-forming, rhizome spreading. Leaves 40-70-(90x 1-3 cm, linear, equitant, later drooping, margins smooth. Inflorescence corymbose, to 15-flowered; scape stiff, bracteate, usually branched. Flowers 8-10 cm long, to 9 cm diam., widely funnel-shaped (often doubled), dull orange-red or yellow or red, strongly veined, not scented; pedicels short; bract scarious, <pedicel; perianth-tube very short; lobes recurved, inner broader with undulate margins. Ovary and ovules aborted (Healy and Edgar 1980).

"A 3-sectioned capsule is produced. Since this species is a hybrid, most plants do not produce seeds, but if produced, seeds are rarely viable."

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GENUS

Hemerocallis

FAMILY

Hemerocallidaceae

AUTHORITY

Hemerocallis fulva (L.) L.

TAXONOMIC NOTES

Hemerocallis is sometimes placed in Family Xanthorrhoeaceae

FLOWERING

December-January

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

Origin uncertain, cultivated for several centuries in Northern Hemisphere



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Hemerocallis fulva cv. 'Kwanso', Gordon Park, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 12/01/2016, Licence: CC BY-NC.

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

No seed produced. Spread by rhizomes.

ETYMOLOGY

hemerocallis: From the Greek hemeros 'day' and kallos 'beauty'

fulva: Tawny yellow

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hemerocallis-fulva/>

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