

# Hemerocallis fulva

## COMMON NAME

Daylily, orange day lily

## SYNONYMS

Common name = 'orange day lily' in Flora of NZ Vol.3 Hemerocallis is sometimes placed in F. Xanthorrhoeaceae)

## FAMILY

Hemerocallidaceae

## AUTHORITY

Hemerocallis fulva (L.) L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF 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>

## 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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## FLOWERING

December, January.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Red/Pink, Yellow

## LIFE CYCLE

No seed produced. Spread by rhizomes.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1958

## ORIGIN

Origin uncertain, cultivated for several centuries in Northern Hemisphere.

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental



Naturalised at Waikumete, Auckland. Jan 2007.  
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Hemerocallis fulva cv. 'Kwanso', Gordon Park, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 12/01/2016, Licence: CC BY-NC.

## ETYMOLOGY

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

**fulva:** Tawny yellow

## MORE INFORMATION

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