

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

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>

FEATURES

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.
Photographer: Peter de Lange



Hemerocallis fulva cv. 'Kwanso', Gordon Park, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin Ogle

ETYMOLOGY

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

fulva: Tawny yellow

MORE INFORMATION

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