

Impatiens walleriana

COMMON NAMES

Busy lizzie

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

GENUS

Impatiens

FAMILY

Balsaminaceae

AUTHORITY

Impatiens walleriana Hook.f.

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

E. Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural.

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Short lived perennial, reproduces by seed and asexually by vegetative detachment.

ETYMOLOGY

impatiens: From the Latin impatiens 'impatient, hasty', referring perhaps to the manner in which the pods of some species explode (Johnson and Smith, 1986).

NVS CODE

IMPWAL

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/impatiens-walleriana/>

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