

Kalanchoe ×houghtonii

COMMON NAME

mother of millions, coconut plant

SYNONYMS

Bryophyllum ×houghtonii (D.B.Ward) P.I.Forst.

FAMILY

Crassulaceae

AUTHORITY

Kalanchoe ×houghtonii D.B. Ward

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A biennial plant, erect, unbranched to about 50 cm or more. Leaves fleshy, boat-shaped, bluish-green usually with purple blotches on undersides; margins serrated, usually with many plantlets that drop off and start new plants. Flowers bell-shaped, orange and pink.

DISTRIBUTION

Naturalised sparingly in NZ, usually in lowland rocky places in full sun

SIMILAR TAXA

Hybrid mother-of-millions has boat-shaped or folded leaves (4–8 cm long and 8–20 mm wide) that are always simple. These leaves are greyish or greyish-green in colour with some darker patches (i.e. they are variegated) and have numerous teeth along their margins (i.e. marginal notches). *Bryophyllum delagoense* has cylindrical (i.e. terete) leaves (usually less than 10 cm long and only 2–6 mm wide) that are always simple. These leaves are greyish in colour with some darker patches (i.e. they are variegated) and have a few teeth at their tips (i.e. apical notches).

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FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

LIFE CYCLE

Usually vegetative, by leaf bulbils

YEAR NATURALISED

1989

ORIGIN

Cultivated hybrid

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental



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