

Kalanchoe ×houghtonii

COMMON NAMES

mother of millions, coconut plant

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMPLIFIED 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.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

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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DISTRIBUTION

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

GENUS

Kalanchoe

FAMILY

Crassulaceae

AUTHORITY

Kalanchoe ×houghtonii D.B. Ward

SYNONYMS

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

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1989



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ORIGIN

Cultivated hybrid

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Usually vegetative, by leaf bulbils

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kalanchoe-houghtonii/>

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