

Kniphofia linearifolia

COMMON NAMES

marsh poker

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Clumping, to 1.5 m tall. Deciduous.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

GENUS

Kniphofia

FAMILY

Asphodelaceae

AUTHORITY

Kniphofia linearifolia Baker

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

Flowers greenish yellow (pink in bud stage)

YEAR NATURALISED

2010

ORIGIN

southern Africa occurring in Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Swaziland, Mpumalanga and Zimbabwe, with an outlier recorded at Worcester in Western Cape.

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed (collection from Whanganui in 2010 comprised wild seedlings growing near planted specimens); division

ETYMOLOGY

kniphofia: The genus is named in honour of Johann Hieronymus Kniphof (1704 - 1763) German physician and botanist.

linearifolia: With linear leaves

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Janine E. Victor & Abraham E. van Wyk (1999) Pollen morphology of *Diosma* and *Coleonema* (Rutaceae: Diosminae) and its taxonomic implications, *Grana*, 38:1, 12-19, DOI: 10.1080/001731300750044663



MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kniphofia-linearifolia/>

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