Lilium lancifolium

COMMON NAME
Tiger lily

FAMILY
Liliaceae

AUTHORITY
Lilium lancifolium Thunb.

FLORA CATEGORY
Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Monocotyledonous Herbs

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not assessed

HABITAT
Terrestrial. Roadsides and waste places, cemeteries and bush margins.

FEATURES
Robust perennial herb with bulb of 5-10 cm diameter, stems reaching 60-120 cm high. Many dark-green sessile strap-like leaves up to 15 cm long. Upper leaves have bulbils in leaf axils. Large orange trumpet-like flowers with numerous purple-black spots.

SIMILAR TAXA
The large orange trumpet shaped flowers with dark spots give tiger-lily its common name and make it easily identifiable. Long known in New Zealand by the name Lilium tigrinum Ker Gawl.

FLOWERING
January, February, March, April

FLOWER COLOURS
Orange, Violet/Purple

LIFE CYCLE
Reproduces vegetatively through bulbils, seeds not seen. Dispersed by people, gravity, water and soil movement.

YEAR NATURALISED
1958

ORIGIN
North Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION