

Lilium lancifolium

COMMON NAMES

tiger lily

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Violet/Purple

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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.

HABITAT

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

GENUS

Lilium

FAMILY

Liliaceae

AUTHORITY

Lilium lancifolium Thunb.

SYNONYMS

Lilium tigrinum Ker Gawl.

FLOWERING

January, February, March, April

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

North Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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



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