

Monstera deliciosa

COMMON NAMES

Monstera, cheese plant

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Long-lived semi scrambling perennial.

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

GENUS

Monstera

FAMILY

Araceae

AUTHORITY

Monstera deliciosa Liebm.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Reproduces by vegetative spread. Seed is occasionally produced and there is some evidence that seedlings may occur in the wild. Seed is long-lived seed and is dispersed usually through the careless discarding of garden waste. Often found as a long persistent garden relic.

NVS CODE

MONDEL

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Martin, T.J. 2002. A Mexican migrant the naturalisation of *Monstera deliciosa* (fruit salad plant) in New Zealand. Auckland Botanical Society Journal, 57: 151-154

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/monstera-deliciosa/>

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