

Tropaeolum pentaphyllum

COMMON NAMES

ladies' legs

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Glabrous climbing perennial with thin stems and thick rootstock. Leaves are composed of 5 sub-sessile leaflets each to about 2 x 1 cm. long pink pedicels (up to 14 cm long) support complex flowers. Flowers consist of 5 triangular green sepals dotted with red, 2 red petals at top of flower, and pink spur to 2.5 cm long.

SIMILAR TAXA

Vegetative parts can easily be confused with *T. speciosum* but the flowers can be distinguished immediately by the 2 small petals included within the calyx as opposed to the 5 large exerted petals of *T. speciosum*.

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

GENUS

Tropaeolum

FAMILY

Tropaeolaceae

AUTHORITY

Tropaeolum pentaphyllum Lam.

FLOWERING

October, November, December, January

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

Central South America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/tropaeolum-pentaphyllum/>

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