

# Tropaeolum pentaphyllum

## COMMON NAME

ladies' legs

## FAMILY

Tropaeolaceae

## AUTHORITY

Tropaeolum pentaphyllum Lam.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial.

## 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*.

## FLOWERING

October, November, December, January

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink

## YEAR NATURALISED

1988

## ORIGIN

Central South America

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental.

## MORE INFORMATION

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

