

Gloriosa modesta

COMMON NAME

climbing lily

SYNONYMS

Littonia modesta

FAMILY

Colchicaceae

AUTHORITY

Gloriosa modesta (Hook.) J.C.Manning & Vinn.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bulbous, deciduous - emerging and flowering in summer; leaves with obvious tendrils at their tips, stems to 1.5 m or more, with support.

SIMILAR TAXA

No plants are very similar, not even the more widely grown *Gloriosa superba*; the leaves with tendrils are distinct.

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange

FRUITING

Elongated dry capsule with red seeds

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed or tuber division

EXTANT COLLECTIONS

Specimens sent to CHR

YEAR NATURALISED

2022

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

ornamental, including cut flower trade

ETYMOLOGY

modesta: Mild or modest

NZPCN FACT SHEET CITATION

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MORE INFORMATION

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