

Impatiens balsamina

FAMILY

Balsaminaceae

AUTHORITY

Impatiens balsamina L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

ETYMOLOGY

impatiens: From the Latin *impatiens* 'impatient, hasty', referring perhaps to the manner in which the pods of some species explode (Johnson and Smith, 1986).

balsamina: From Latin 'balsameus', meaning balsamic, with a resinous smell or exudation

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). *Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning.* Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/impatiens-balsamina/>

