

Impatiens walleriana

COMMON NAME

Busy lizzie

FAMILY

Balsaminaceae

AUTHORITY

Impatiens walleriana Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

LIFE CYCLE

Short lived perennial, reproduces by seed and asexually by vegetative detachment.

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

E. Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural.

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).

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-walleriana/>



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