

Lachenalia bulbifera

COMMON NAME

'Crimson Joy'

FAMILY

Hyacinthaceae

AUTHORITY

Lachenalia bulbifera (Cirillo) Asch. & Graebn.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

"Lachenalia bulbifera is a deciduous, winter-growing geophyte up to 0.3 m high. The subterranean storage organ is a shallow or deep-seated, fleshy, flattened bulb surrounded by membranous outer tunics. It produces one or two narrowly or broadly egg-shaped, fleshy, suberect leaves that may be plain green or heavily spotted or blotched with dark brown or purple on the upper surface."

<http://pza.sanbi.org/lachenalia-bulbifera>

In New Zealand, wild plants have unspotted (plain green) leaves. The leaves emerge in April-May and flowers appear June-July, with a few in August or even September. One established in light soils (sand or fine gravels), this species can form large dense patches, to 5 m diameter or more. It also persists in loose stone walls and crib walls.

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Red/Pink

YEAR NATURALISED

2000

ORIGIN

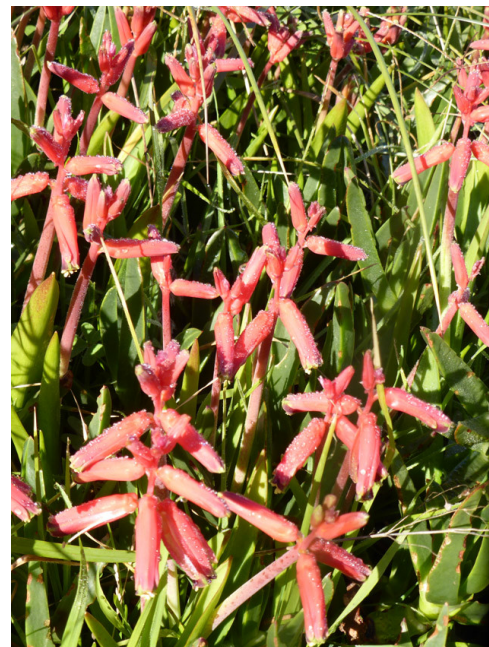
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REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lachenalia-bulbifera/>



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