

# Lilium lancifolium

## COMMON NAME

tiger lily

## SYNONYMS

*Lilium tigrinum* Ker Gawl.

## FAMILY

Liliaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Lilium lancifolium* Thunb.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Roadsides and waste places, cemeteries and bush margins.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Robust perennial herb with bulb of 5-10 cm diameter, stems reaching 60-120 cm high. Many dark-green sessile strap-like leaves up to 15 cm long. Upper leaves have bulbils in leaf axils. Large orange trumpet-like flowers with numerous purple-black spots.

## SIMILAR TAXA

The large orange trumpet shaped flowers with dark spots give tiger-lily its common name and make it easily identifiable. Long known in New Zealand by the name *Lilium tigrinum* Ker Gawl.

## FLOWERING

January, February, March, April

## FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Violet/Purple

## LIFE CYCLE

Reproduces vegetatively through bulbils, seeds not seen. Dispersed by people, gravity, water and soil movement.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1958

## ORIGIN

North Africa

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lilium-lancifolium/>



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