

# Lophospermum erubescens

## COMMON NAME

climbing gloxinia

## FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

## AUTHORITY

Lophospermum erubescens D.Don

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Forest margins and scrub. Recorded from almost bare rock on Rangitoto Is.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Climbing perennial herb. Stems hairy, climbing by twining petioles. Leaves up to 75 x 75 mm, broadly triangular, hairy and with obvious teeth. Rose-pink trumpet-shaped flowers about 70 mm long are held on pedicels about 40 mm long. Capsule to about 15 mm diameter, contains numerous small winged seeds.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Broadly triangular hairy foliage and pink trumpet flowers on this climber make it quite distinctive.

## FLOWERING

January, February, March

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1981

## ORIGIN

E. Mexico

## Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

## Reproduction

Seed

## Seed

many seeds in each pod.

## Dispersal

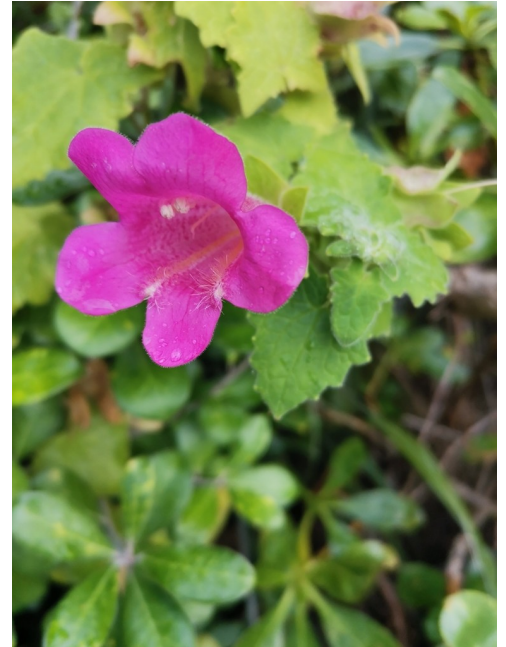
People, wind

## Tolerances

Probably not very frost hardy.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lophospermum-erubescens/>



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