

# Monstera deliciosa

## COMMON NAME

Monstera, cheese plant

## FAMILY

Araceae

## AUTHORITY

*Monstera deliciosa* Liebm.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Long-lived semi scrambling perennial.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

## LIFE CYCLE

Reproduces by vegetative spread. Seed is occasionally produced and there is some evidence that seedlings may occur in the wild. Seed is long-lived seed and is dispersed usually through the careless discarding of garden waste. Often found as a long persistent garden relic.

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Martin, T.J. 2002. A Mexican migrant the naturalisation of *Monstera deliciosa* (fruit salad plant) in New Zealand. *Auckland Botanical Society Journal*, 57: 151-154

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/monstera-deliciosa/>



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