



## *Zantedeschia aethiopica* cv. *Green Goddess*

### Common Name(s):

green goddess

### Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

### Distribution:

Scattered throughout northern North Island, less common in southern North Island and northern South Island.

### Habitat:

Swampy areas, often under willows and other damp shaded areas.

### Features\*:

Robust, evergreen, erect, clump-forming, to 1.5 m high, in close-set tufts from a tuberous rootstock with white fleshy roots; new tubers arising from shoots on the rootstock. Leaves large, leathery; laminae sagittate or ovate-cordate, 15-45 × 10-25 cm, dark green, the very fine veins somewhat lighter green, shining, entire, tip apiculate, margins undulate; petiole 40-100 cm long, lighter green, spongy, white on inside, purplish on outside. Scape ± = leaves, green, stout. Spathe green variously flushed with white, to 25 cm long, funnel-shaped, narrowed towards tip with a recurved apiculus to 2 cm long. Spadix ± ½ spathe, bright yellow; basal female zone, with staminodia interspersed, c. ¼-½ length of spadix, contiguous with upper male zone; sterile terminal appendage 0. Berries green or yellow, to ± 1 cm diam.

### Flowering:

October to December

### Fruiting:

Southern Africa

### \*Attribution:

Factsheet prepared by Paul Champion and Deborah Hofstra (NIWA). Features description from Healy and Edgar (1980).

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**Caption:** Stancich Reserve, Northcote, Auckland.

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**Caption:** Wanganui.

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