



Erythranthe guttata

Common Name(s):

monkey musk

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Throughout, although uncommon northwards from Hamilton

Habitat:

Lowland to montane regions, alongside streams, rivers, lakes, drains and swamps.

Features*:

Erect perennial herb to 60 cm tall. Rhizomes. Stems thick, stiff, occasionally branched. Leaves opposite, oval, up to 12 x 8 cm, usually hairless, bright green, toothed-edged. Flowers 3 cm diameter, on stalks, yellow with red spots on bearded lower lip, with a long corolla tube, throat closed with five rounded lobes. Seed capsule 1 cm long, 2-valved, with many patterned seeds.

Flowering:

November to March

Fruiting:

Autumn

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References and further reading:

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Caption: *Mimulus guttatus*

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