



## *Canna indica*

### **Common Name(s):**

Indian shot

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Habitat:**

Terrestrial. Damp spots, wetlands, low-growing habitats, disturbed shrubland, streamsides, riversystems.

### **Features:**

Erect, leafy perennial herb to 1-2 m tall. Roots rhizomatous. Stem sturdy, unbranched, hairless. Leaves on the stem, to 45 x 15 cm, oblong, with prominent midrib, sheath below. Flowers often paired, 5-6 cm long, pinkish-red and reddish-yellow, with red spots. Seed capsule round, to 2 cm, with black seeds.

### **Flowering:**

November, December,  
February, March, April

### **Fruiting:**

January, March,  
April, May

### **References and further reading:**

Gardner, R. 1990. *Canna*. Auckland Botanical Society Journal, 45: 1-4.

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=3607](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3607)



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