Hedychium flavescens

Common Name(s):

yellow ginger

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Coastal and lowland habitats. Scrub, forest margins and clearings, roadsides and wastelands.

Features:

Non-woody perennial to 2.5 m tall, ginger-scented. Rhizomes massive, taro-like, close to ground surface, long, shallow rooted, much-branched, growing over each other forming deep beds. Rhizome segments 4 x 10 cm, each producing an aerial stem usually annually. Stems to 2.5 m, erect, soft, unbranched, thickening to short pinkish collar at base. Leaves alternate, 50 x 10 cm, shiny, pointing upwards. Flowerhead 15 x 10 cm with flowers overlapping in cone-like clusters, cream-coloured, May-Jun. No fruit produced.

Flowering:

March, April, May, June, July

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=4062



Caption: Hedychium flavescens **Photographer:** John Smith-Dodsworth

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Caption: A picture of Hedychium

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