Impatiens sodenii

Common Name(s):

sods balsam, poor man's rhododendron

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Waste places, coastal areas, scrubland. Common garden and pot plant.

Features:

Glabrous subshrub to about 2m high, stems green, semi succulent. Leaves in whorls of up to 6 up to 12 x 3.5 cm. Flowers solitary on slender pedicels amongst axils of uppermost leaves, 5-6.5 cm diameter, pink. Fruit up to 2.5 cm long, fusiform.

Flowering:

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

References and further reading:

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

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