

Bomarea multiflora

COMMON NAME

Bomarea

SYNONYMS

Bomarea caldasii

FAMILY

Alstroemeriaceae

AUTHORITY

Bomarea multiflora (L. f.) Mirb.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Scrambling vine that appears to be shade tolerant but does best in full sun.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A multi-stemmed vine in the lily family that twines around any available support. The stems arise from short underground rhizomes which bear numerous tubers. Flowers are clumped in a dense pendulous bunch of 15-20 together. Reddish on the outside and usually yellow with dark spots on the inside, the flowers develop into capsules about 2 cm in diameter. When ripe, these open to reveal bright orange seeds that are fleshy.

FLOWERING

March, April, May, June, July

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

FRUITING

May to August.

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial vine that may die back over winter when exposed to severe frost. Can reproduce by suckering from roots or by seed. Fleshy bright orange seeds are produced in capsules, likely dispersed by birds.

YEAR NATURALISED

1964

ORIGIN

S. America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental.

ETYMOLOGY

bomarea: Named after a French botanist

multiflora: From late Latin, feminine of multiflorus meaning 'bearing many flowers'



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