

Botanical Name: Impatiens hawkeri (I. 'New Guinea hybrids)

Common Name: New Guinea impatiens

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Balsaminaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, blocky plant with firm, brittle stems which hold flowers well above the foliage; leaves larger and more coarse than I. wallerana

Height 12" to 18" Spread 12" to 18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers partial sun/shade, full sun along coast

Soil prefers moist, fertile, well-amended soils

Hardiness tender; (perennial in Zone 24) used as an annual in most gardens

Morphology:

Leaves elliptical to lanceolate, densely set, opposite to whorled arrangement, to 4" long, often variegated with yellow and/or red; serrate margins

Flowers 3" flowers in terminal clusters, throughout the warm season; pink, white, orange and red colors; often striped or marbled with color

Fruit 5-valved capsule

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings

Usage: choice blooming container plant or annual for mass plantings;

widely used in tropical or subtropical gardens, in annual beds or where long

blooming annuals are desired

Landscape Care:

Watering Needs regular watering, not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow-release fertilizer at planting; liquid feed monthly

Pruning remove spent flower stalks; thin or divide to control size

Pests/Diseases aphids, mites, thrips, mealybug, root rot where drainage is poor

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Papua New Guinea