

Balsam, Himalayan
Impatiens glandulifera
Balsaminaceae (Impatiens family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Originally from India, introduced as an ornamental, other names include Policeman's Helmet, Impatiens, Touch-me-not. Is a weed of concern because of potential impacts on riparian areas.
- **Life Cycle:** Annual.
- **Root:** Shallow and fibrous.
- **Leaves:** Simple, oblong, large, serrated edge.
- **Stems:** Large, hollow, 4 sided, grows up to 120cm.
- **Flower:** Showy, irregular, pink-purple-white, 5 petals.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Pods are explosive when ripe, seeds can shoot up to 10m, and can float.
- **Toxicity:**
- **Control:** Do not plant, easily pulled by hand.