Impatiens  
*Impatiens walleriana*

Also called Balsam or ‘Busy Lizzie’, this colourful and hardy succulent tolerates heavy shade, and so can grow into forested areas, especially rainforest verges and watercourses.

Broken stems easily regenerate into new plants, meaning that they are spread by dumping garden waste into bushland.

They also have explosive seed pods, which scatter tiny seeds some distance from the parent plants. The seeds are small and freely germinate.

Impatiens is an invasive plant which can disrupt native flora communities and ecosystems.

**Description**

This commonly used garden plant is characterised by having succulent leaves and fleshy, but brittle, stems producing showy flowers in a variety of colours throughout most of the year.

**Management**

In gardens, it may be possible to carefully hand-weed the plant, taking care not to disturb the explosive seed pods and thus spreading the seeds.

If you would like further information on weeds look at the A–Z Listing of Weeds at [Queensland Government Website](#).