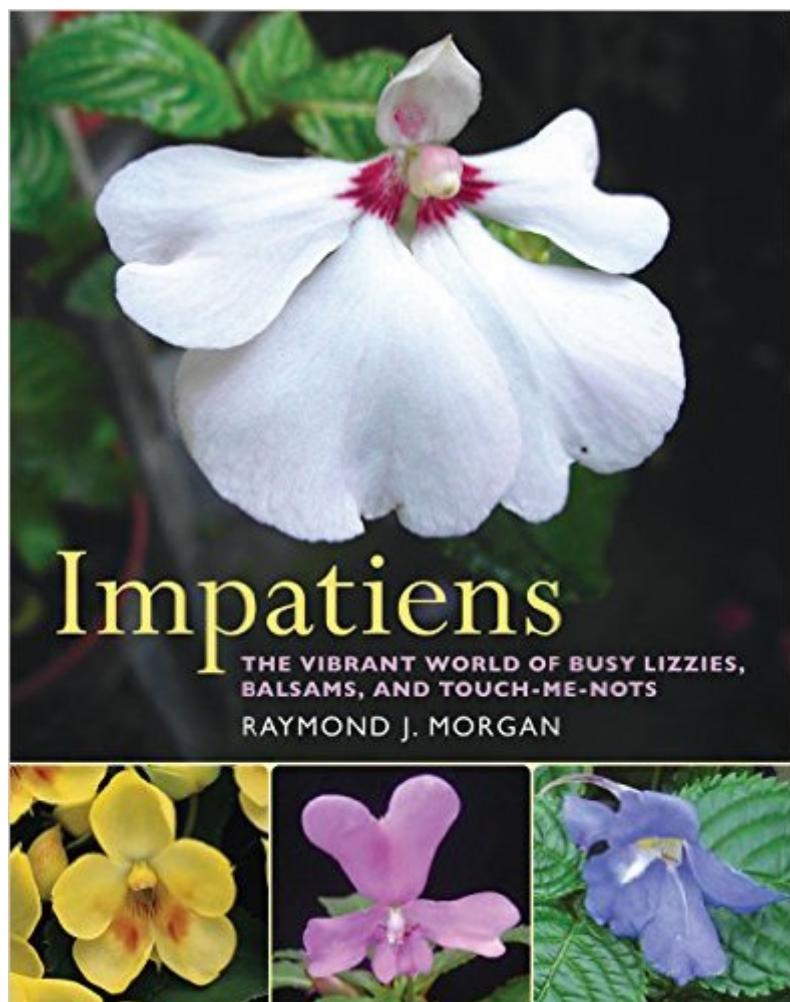


The book was found

Impatiens: The Vibrant World Of Busy Lizzies, Balsams, And Touch-me-nots



Synopsis

Many gardeners know of *Impatiens walleriana*, the species that lies behind the myriad colorful garden varieties that brighten up containers, window boxes, and shady spots throughout the world. The genus *Impatiens* is enormous, comprising over a thousand species—many of which, although highly desirable, remain little known to Western gardeners. Raymond Morgan first examines *Impatiens* through a botanical lens, describing their physiology, morphology, and seed dispersal mechanisms. He then recounts Victorian-era plant-hunting forays into the Himalayas and notes how modern-day expeditions, with due concern to conservation, continue to bring back species that will eventually find their way into nursery catalogs and gardens. Perhaps most excitingly, the author describes over 200 species ranging from Madagascar, Sri Lanka, and the Himalayas to New Guinea. Along the way the reader is acquainted with remarkable species, including the giant African *Impatiens tinctoria*, which grows to 6 feet tall, and Tibet's ultramarine *I. nanchabarwensis*, which grows in the deepest canyon on earth. The genus *Impatiens* contains a wealth of untapped treasures for gardeners. With wonderful photographs complementing the detailed plant descriptions, this book is essential reading for curious-minded gardeners keen to unearth this fascinating and largely unexplored genus.

Book Information

Hardcover: 228 pages

Publisher: Timber Press (October 10, 2007)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0881928526

ISBN-13: 978-0881928525

Product Dimensions: 7.2 x 0.8 x 9.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars—See all reviews (4 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #2,617,526 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #92 in Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Gardening & Landscape Design > Flowers > Annuals #1409 in Books > Science & Math > Biological Sciences > Plants > Flowers #1608 in Books > Reference > Encyclopedias & Subject Guides > Gardening

Customer Reviews

"*Impatiens*" is a good first try at a book on this popular group of plants. However, it's almost like two books. The first half of the book provides good information on culture and updates on breeding

programs (though USA readers should note that the culture information is Brit-slanted). The second half divides the many *Impatiens* species discussed into geographic groups, and the introductions to each of these sections discuss species in the groups that are, or might be, of horticultural interest. However, the species descriptions that follow are in deadening botanese, and appear to have been derived from formal material published in the professional literature. It would have been better for this reviewer to have had garden-oriented descriptions. And why include such material on species that, as yet, do not have names? How is one to locate plants or seeds of these species even after they have been named? The color pictures are generally of high quality, and create a wish on the part of the reader to obtain some of these plants. Alas, the list of sources is very short and includes no specialist growers (perhaps they do not exist as yet). However, I would recommend the book to those building their garden libraries and who have an interest in going beyond the supermarket trays of *walleri* and New Guinea *Impatiens*.

Probably the first of its kind available to the average reader (and not published in botanical journals), this fine work is a true treasure. While cultural comments are somewhat lacking (some of the *Impatiens* species seem to grow in cool mountain areas), the main portion of the book is a listing by geographical area of some of the more beautiful (and odd) species. A good addition to your horticultural library.

This book is outstanding regarding detailed information of species *impatiens*. The pictures are wonderful as well. I didn't realize there are so many different species. I am now addicted to *impatiens* and will be growing all I can get my hands on! I have my own nursery so this informative book is of great value to me as a grower of rare flora. This book was also a great value. There aren't many books on the subject so this fits the bill. The only info it seemed to lack was what zones & or temperatures certain varieties can be grown in. I recommend this book to anyone interested in rare flora, shade gardening or just wanting to learn more about this type of plant. It is also a beautiful coffee table book.

Very informative work on a genus of plants that's really not that well known, except for the common *impatiens* that we all grow as a bedding plants...

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Impatiens: The Vibrant World of Busy Lizzies, Balsams, and Touch-me-nots The Incomplete Tim Key: About 300 of His Poetical Gems and What-Nots Baby Touch and Feel: Happy Birthday (Baby

Touch & Feel) Top 30 Easy Vegan Slow Cooker Recipes For Busy Women: Amazing Vegan Recipes For Weight Loss And Healthy Eating: Slow Cooker, Slow Cooker Cookbook, Slow ... Cooker Recipes Cookbook For Busy Women 1) Rick Bayless's Mexican Kitchen: Capturing the Vibrant Flavors of a World-Class Cuisine Survival Communication: 20 Proven Lessons to Stay In Touch With Your Family When the World Goes Silent: (Prepper's Guid, Survival Guide, Survivalist, Safety, ... Survival Skills Book) (Survival Books) Touch the Top of the World: A Blind Man's Journey to Climb Farther than the Eye Can See: My Story Low Carb Dump Meals: 30 Tasty, Easy and Healthy Dump Dinner Recipes You Won't Believe Are Actually Low Carb: Low Carb Dump Meal Recipes For Weight Loss, Energy and Vibrant Health (Clean Eating) Superfood Protein Bars On-the-Go: Easy and Delicious DIY Protein Bar Recipes For Extreme Weight Loss, Energy and Vibrant Health The Healing Cuisine of China: 300 Recipes for Vibrant Health and Longevity Lemongrass and Ginger Cookbook: Vibrant Asian Recipes Soframiz: Vibrant Middle Eastern Recipes from Sofra Bakery and Cafe The Vibrant Table: Recipes from My Always Vegetarian, Mostly Vegan, and Sometimes Raw Kitchen A Delicious Avocado Cookbook for Health Nuts!: Only the Best Avocado Recipes to Achieve Vibrant Health and Omega Acid Superpowers (The Health Nut Cooking Collection 1) The Georgian Feast: The Vibrant Culture and Savory Food of the Republic of Georgia Vibrant Food: Celebrating the Ingredients, Recipes, and Colors of Each Season Summary Of Eat Fat, Get Thin: Why the Fat We Eat Is the Key to Sustained Weight Loss and Vibrant Health by Mark Hyman M.D. The Primal Blueprint: Reprogram your genes for effortless weight loss, vibrant health, and boundless energy (Primal Blueprint Series) Superfood Paleo Smoothies: 101 Delicious Vegan, Gluten-Free, Fat Burning Smoothie Recipes for Vibrant Health and Easy Weight Loss (Gluten Free Cookbook Collection 3) Sustainable Transportation Planning: Tools for Creating Vibrant, Healthy, and Resilient Communities

[Dmca](#)