

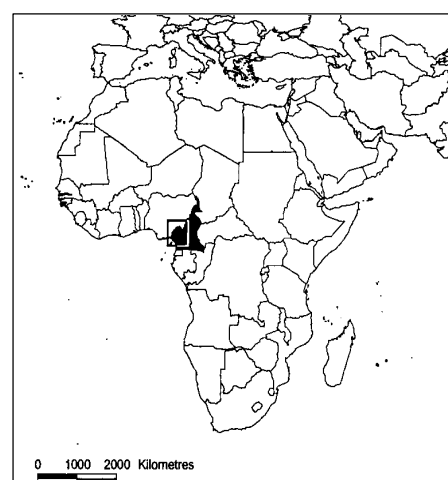
Threatened plants of western Cameroon

Impatiens frithii Cheek ined.*

(Balsaminaceae)



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Africa and western Cameroon



Distribution map of *Impatiens frithii*

Impatiens frithii is known from only three localities: two in the Bakossi Mountains and one at Mount Etinde, near Mt Cameroon. This epiphyte occurs in submontane forest, on trees and treelets at least 1.5 and up to 6 m above ground level, between 800 and 1400m altitude. It flowers during the wet season and is inconspicuous unless observed during flowering.

Impatiens frithii grows on rocks or other plants. It is 15 – 20 cm tall, glabrous. The leaf-blade has 13 – 19 crenate-serrate teeth on either side, each with an erect hair 1 – 1.5 mm long, hairs of the basal pair 2 – 9 mm long. Inflorescences 1 – 3 per plant, held above the leaves, each 1 – 4-flowered. Flowers bright orange red, the spur to 3.5 cm long.

Cheek, M. & Csiba, L. (in press).* A new epiphytic species of *Impatiens* (*Balsaminaceae*) from Western Cameroon.