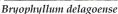




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Bryophyllum imes houghtonii



*Bryophyllum* species (mother-of-millions), mostly natives of Madagascar and Africa, are erect succulent perennial herbs or shrubs. Leaves are oppositely arranged and often form plantlets along their margins, flowers are tubular and drooping.

- *Bryophyllum delagoense* (mother-of-millions) has slender pinkish-brown or greyish suckering stems, to 1 m high. Leaves (2.5–15 cm long) are greyish and spotted violet-brown, more or less cylindrical and notched at the tip where plantlets are produced. Flowers (to 3 cm long) are orange to scarlet, with four lobes and arranged in showy clusters at the tops of stems. Very poisonous to livestock and humans. Most common in coastal regions and often found in rocky sites, a weed of pasture, grassland, open bushland, roadsides, railway lines, wasteland and other disturbed sites. [NSW, Vic, SA, WA, Qld]
- *Bryophyllum fedtschenkoi* (blue mother-ofmillions) has thin stems, sometimes reddish, and is creeping and rooting when young, later erect, to 50 cm high. Leaves (1.5–5 cm long) are numerous, oval to oblong, waxy blue and brown to reddish at the margin notches which produce adventitious buds. Flowers are brownish-pink. In the southeast region it has been recorded on the Eyre Peninsula. [NSW, SA, Qld]
- *Bryophyllum* × *houghtonii*, a hybrid between *Bryophyllum daigremontianum* and *Bryophyllum delagoense*, has stiff stems mottled grey and green, 30–60 cm high. Leaves (1–2.5 cm long) are oblong to broadly lance-shaped, folded, mottled, with notched margins, often producing plantlets in the notches. Flowers (2–3 cm long) are orange-red in showy clusters at the tops of stems. [NSW, Vic, NT, Qld]
- *Bryophyllum pinnatum* (resurrection plant) is a grey-green shrub 30 cm to 2 m high, with suckering stems. Leaves (5–25 cm long) are narrowly oval with scalloped margins, the upper leaves often divided into leaflets. Tiny plantlets may be produced in the margins, particularly if leaves are detached. Flowers (3–8 cm long) are greenish-yellow to pinkish-red, with four lobes and surrounded

Bryophyllum pinnatum