

# Fuchsia



# Giant Fuchsia

*Fuchsia coccinea*

*Fuchsia boliviana*

## Impacts

- The Fuchsia is a major problem on the Peaks
- The native Tree Fern is an ideal habitat for the Fuchsia
- Fuchsia grows up and through the fibre of the Tree Fern which makes it very difficult to remove
- There is also concern that the Giant Fuchsia is increasing in this habitat as well
- Stems of the Giant Fuchsia can propagate roots if they fall onto wet ground



Giant Fuchsia.

Photo: Andrew Darlow



Fuchsia.

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## Actions

- Spraying and stripping are out of the question, as the tree fern would also be killed
- The ideal method is to extract the Fuchsia in tiny sections, but for this, continuous extraction is required which is very time and energy consuming
- However, this is being done on the Peaks but requires constant extraction to keep on top of it.