

# WEED INFORMATION SHEET

# MOTHER OF MILLIONS

## Noxious Weed



***Kalanchoe tubiflora*** - are native to tropical Africa and are widely cultivated as garden plants.

**Description** - Perennial herbs with several stiff, erect, succulent stems, generally 30-60cm high, sometimes taller: stems mottled pale green or pinkish and dark olive-green: leaves in pairs or sometimes in threes at intervals along the stem: leaves cylindrical up to 10cm long with tubular orange flowers.

**Toxicity** - Field evidence suggests that plants may be toxic to cattle and one case has been reported of severe diarrhoea in a child who ate the flowers. Symptoms in cat-

tle include dribbling of urine, irregular heartbeat, difficulty in breathing, lethargy, immobility, abdominal pain and the faeces blood stained or mucus-covered.

**Distribution** - The common name (Mother of Millions) is derived from the fact that, when each fleshy leaf falls to the ground, it is capable of producing roots and new plantlets, which can lead to literally millions of plants in one area.

