

# NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

*Impatiens* is Latin and refers to the sudden burst of the ripe seed pods when touched; hence the name, "touch-me-not".

**Botanical Name** *Impatiens hawkeri* and cvs.

**Ethylene Sensitivity** Yes

**Storage Temperature** 50-55°F

**Storage Time** 3 days or less

**Purchasing Hints** Plants should be sold with some flowers open and numerous buds present.

**Special Concerns** Bud and flower drop can be a serious problem due to wilting, extended storage or shipping, and exposure to ethylene.

**Additional Information** Plants are very sensitive to wilting so the growing medium should be maintained uniformly moist at all times. Display plants under good light conditions.