

## SPRING:

Small green hollow stemmed, fleshy seedlings begin to grow bearing 3-4 small light green leaves with a reddish tinge.



## SUMMER:

In summer it grows rapidly reaching a height of 3m, fleshy/brittle hollow stems pinkish/red in colour with shiny dark green spear shaped leaves. Pink slipper shaped flowers are produced in late summer and impressive seed capsules which explode when touched produced in late summer/autumn.



## WINTER:

Being an annual plant the life cycle of the plant is completed within one year. It leaves large scars on the landscape of hay like areas with a small distinctive root structure visible to the base of the stem. The seeds are viable for anything up to 2 years.



## IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE HIMALAYAN BALSAM

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