September 2018

**Impatiens balfourii**

Also known as Balfour Impatiens, False Orchid, Wild Orchid, and Touch-Me-Not

Sue got her first seeds from Johanna Reed, a well-known gardener in northern Chester

County, when our garden club paid a visit.

Since then, the plant has spread all over her garden. While it self-seeds it is not really invasive, as the plants are easily pulled out if growing where you don’t want them.

These tiny “orchids” are a mix of pink, white, and pale purple and the hummingbirds make their rounds feeding from theflowers all day long.

They bloom summer through the fall on delicate 3 foot stalks in sun or light shade. They are natives to the Himalayas and Kashmir.