

Weeds list

F2 - Weed of the Blue Mountains

Weeds are a serious threat to the natural environment in the Blue Mountains. Weeds are invasive species that spread into natural areas. When weeds become established they will out compete native plants for food, water and sunlight, eventually destroying the natural habitats and food sources for native plants and animals, and altering the soil balance and fire regimes of natural areas.

The spread of weeds into the natural environment is facilitated by soil disturbance and clearing of native vegetation for urban development. Weeds become established in disturbed areas and spread along creeks into bushland.

Development in the upper parts of the catchment in the Blue Mountains provides a continuing source of weed propagules that can spread into the natural environment. The spread of weeds is assisted by increased nutrient levels in stormwater run-off from urban development that favour weeds and disadvantage native species that have adapted to survive in the naturally nutrient deficient soils of the Blue Mountains.

It is important that when you plan your development you do not allow weeds to be introduced to the natural environment. The following is a list of noxious and environmental weeds.

Common name Botanical name

TREES

African Olive	<i>Olea europaea</i> spp. <i>africana</i>
Bird Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>
Black Locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>
Box Elder Maple	<i>Acer negundo</i>
Camphor Laurel	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>
Cherry Laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
Chinese Pistachio	<i>Pistachia chinensis</i>
Coral Tree	<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i> , <i>E. x sykesii</i>
Cootamundra Wattle	<i>Acacia baileyana</i>
European Nettle Tree	<i>Celtis australis</i>

Himalayan Strawberry Tree	<i>Cornus capitata</i>
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Honey Locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>
Irish Strawberry Tree	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>
Large-leaf privet	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>
Miconia	<i>Miconia calvescens</i>
Mexican Pine	<i>Pinus patula</i>
New Zealand Pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum eugeniioides</i>
Portuguese Laurel	<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>
Qld Silver Wattle	<i>Acacia podalyriifolia</i>
Radiata Pine, Monterey Pine	<i>Pinus radiata</i>
Rhus Tree	<i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i>
Sweet Pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>
Sycamore Maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
Tree Lucerne/Tagasaste	<i>Chamaecytisus palmensis</i>
Tree-of-Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
White Poplar	<i>Populus alba</i>
Willows	<i>All Salix spp. except Salix babylonica, S x reichardii, S. x calodendron</i>

SHRUBS

African Boxthorn	<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>
Barberry, Berberis	<i>Berberis aristata</i> , <i>B. darwinii</i>
Boneseed, Bitou Bush	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>
Blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> L. agg.
Broom	<i>Genista linifolia</i>
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
Cape Broom/ Montpellier Broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>
Cassia	<i>Senna pendula</i> var <i>glabrata</i>
Castor Oil Plant	<i>Ricinus communis</i>
Cestrum—Red flowering	<i>Cestrum elegans</i>
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster franchettii</i> , <i>C. lacteus</i> , <i>C. pannosus</i> , <i>C. glaucophyllus</i>
Firethorn	<i>Pyracantha</i> spp.
Golden Wreath Wattle	<i>Acacia saligna</i>
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Green Cestrum	<i>Cestrum parqui</i>
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Himalayan Honeysuckle	<i>Leycesteria formosa</i>
Indian Hawthorn	<i>Raphiolepis indica</i>
Karo	<i>Pittosporum crassifolium</i>
Karoo Thorn	<i>Acacia karoo</i>
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>

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Madiera Winter Cherry	<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>	Fireweed	<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i>
Mickey Mouse Plant	<i>Ochna serrulata</i>	Forget Me Not	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>
Sacred Bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	Hawkweeds	<i>Hieracium spp.</i>
Scotch/English Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Horsetail	<i>Equisetum arvense</i>
Scurf Pea	<i>Psoralea pinnata</i>	Impatiens/Busy Lizzy	<i>Impatiens balsamina</i>
Siam Weed	<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	Japanese Knotweed	<i>Persicaria capitata</i>
Small-leaf Privet	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	Kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
Spanish Heath	<i>Erica lusitanica</i>	London's Pride	<i>Saxifraga umbrosa</i>
Sweet Pea Shrub	<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i>	Mistflower	<i>Ageratina riparia</i>
Tree Heath	<i>Erica arborea</i>	Nasturtium	<i>Tropoleum majus</i>
Tutsan	<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	Ox-eyed Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>
Wild Tobacco	<i>Solanum mauritianum</i>	Parthenium Weed	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>

VINES

Balloon Vine	<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Thunbergia alata</i>
Blue-bell Creeper	<i>Sollya heterophylla</i>
Bridal Creeper	<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>
Cape Ivy	<i>Delairea odorata</i>
Cats Claw Creeper	<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta campestris</i>
English Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Madeira Vine	<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>
Morning Glory	<i>Ipomoea indica</i>
Moth Vine	<i>Araujia sericifera</i>
Passionfruit (Common, Banana, White)	<i>Passiflora edulis, P. mollisina, P. subpeltata</i>
Turkey Rhubarb	<i>Acetosa sagittata</i>
White Jasmine	<i>Jasminum polyanthum</i>

PERENNIALS AND GROUND COVERS

Alligator Weed	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>
Asparagus Fern	<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i>
Asthma Weed	<i>Parietaria judaica</i>
Bathurst/Noogoora/	<i>Xanthium spp.</i>
Californian Burr	
Black Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
Blue Periwinkle	<i>Vinca major</i>
Broomrapes	<i>Orobanche spp.</i>
Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>
Creeping Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>
Creeping Lantana	<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>
Crofton Weed	<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>

Patersons Curse/	
Viper Bugloss	<i>Echium spp.</i>
Red Hot Poker	<i>Kniphofia sp.</i>
Seaside Daisy	<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>
Self Heal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>
Spotted Knapweed	<i>Centaurea maculosa</i>
St Johns Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Veldt Daisy	<i>Osteospermum ecklonis</i>
Wandering Jew	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>

LILIES AND LILY LIKE PLANTS

Agapanthus	<i>Agapanthus praecox ssp. orientalis</i>
Arumor Calla Lily	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>
Canna Lily	<i>Canna indica</i>
Day Lily	<i>Hemerocallis spp.</i>
Formosan Lily	<i>Lilium formosanum</i>
Ginger Lily	<i>Hedychium gardnerianum</i>
Montbretia	<i>Crocasmia x crocosmiiflora</i>
Peruvian Lily	<i>Alstroemeria aurea</i>
Watsonia	<i>Watsonia meriana "bulbillifera"</i>

GRASSES AND GRASS LIKE PLANTS

African Lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>
Bamboo, Rhizomatous	<i>Phyllostachys spp.</i>
Brown Top Bent	<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>
Columbus Grass	<i>Sorghum x alnum</i>
Cocksfoot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
Creeping Bent	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>
Ehrharta	<i>Ehrharta erecta</i>
Giant Parramatta Grass	<i>Sporobolus fertilis syn.indicus</i>
Giant Reed	<i>Arundo donax</i>
Johnson Grass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>

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Mexican Feather Grass	<i>Nassella tenuissima</i>
Pampas Grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
Parramatta Grass	<i>Sporobolus indica</i>
Paspalum	<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i>
Plume Grass	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> , <i>P. alapecaroides</i>
Prairie Grass	<i>Bromus catharticus</i>
Red Natal Grass	<i>Rhynchelytrum repens</i>
Rhodes Grass	<i>Chloris gayana</i>
Rye Grass	<i>Lolium perenne</i> , <i>L. multiflorum</i> and hybrids
Serrated Tussock	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>
Spider Plant/Ribbon Plant	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i>
Spiny Burr Grass	<i>Cenchrus incertus</i> , <i>C.</i> <i>longispinus</i>
Sweet Vernal Grass	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>
Tall Fescue	<i>Festuca elatior</i>
Whiskey Grass	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>
Yorkshire / Creeping Fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i> , <i>H. mollis</i>
Zebra Grass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> var. <i>zebrinus</i>

The following species are not encouraged. Horticultural advice should be sought before planting species from these genera in sensitive location such as near on in swamps or bushland settings.

Erica species
Hypericum species
Pittosporum species
Senecio species
Berberis species
Prunus species
Ludwigia species (except *Ludwigia peploides* subsp. *montevidiensis*)
Pennisetum species (except *P. clandestinum*)
Achnatherum species
Contoneaster species

FERNS

Sword Fern/Fishbone Fern *Nephrolepis cordifolia*

CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

Agave	<i>Agave americana</i>
Aloe	<i>Aloe arborescens</i>
Harrissia Cactus	<i>Harrissia</i> spp.
Mother of Millions	<i>Bryophyllum delagoense</i>
Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia</i> spp.
Yucca	<i>Yucca aloifolia</i>

AQUATIC PLANTS

Egeria	<i>Egeria densa</i>
Cabomba/Fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
Lagarosiphon	<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>
Mexican Water Lily	<i>Nymphaea mexicana</i>
Salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>
Senegal Tea Plant	<i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i>
Water Hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>
Water Lettuce	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>
Water Primrose	<i>Ludwigia peruviana</i>

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