

WEEDS of the Mornington Peninsula

Common Garden and Agricultural Plants that are Environmental Weeds in the Mornington Peninsula Shire



WEEDS ARE THE MAJOR THREAT TO OUR:

- COASTAL RESERVES & WATERWAYS
- HOME GARDENS
- ROADSIDES
- BUSHLAND RESERVES
- FARMLAND

GRASSES AND HERBS



African Love Grass *Eragrostis curvula*
 Flowering Time: All year
 Seeding Time: All year
 Control Time: All year



Agapanthus *Agapanthus praecox* ssp. *orientalis*
 Flowering Time: Early Summer
 Seeding Time: Late Summer - early Autumn
 Control Time: All year



Angled Onion *Allium triquetrum*
 Flowering Time: Winter - Spring
 Seeding Time: Late Spring - Summer
 Control Time: April - August



Arum Lily *Zantedeschia aethiopica*
 Flowering Time: Late winter - early Spring
 Seeding Time: Late Spring - early Summer
 Control Time: All year



Bulbil Watsonia *Watsonia meriana* var. *bulbillifera*
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer but doesn't flower until its 3rd year
 Seeding Time: Summer - early Autumn spreads from stem bulbils and underground corms
 Control Time: May - October



Creeping Buttercup *Ranunculus repens*
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
 Seeding Time: late Summer
 Control Time: All year



Forget-me-not *Myosotis sylvatica*
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
 Seeding Time: late Spring - Summer
 Control Time: All year



Gazania *Gazania linearis*, *Gazania rigens*
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
 Seeding Time: spreads vegetatively and by seed
 Control Time: All year



Kikuyu Grass *Pennisetum clandestinum*
 Flowering Time: rarely flowers except cultivated varieties in Summer, Reproduction by running shoot
 Control Time: September - February



Montbretia *Crocsmia x crocosmiflora*
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
 Seeding Time: Autumn Also reproduces by corms
 Control Time: August - September



Pampas Grass *Cortaderia* species
 Flowering Time: Summer - Autumn
 Seeding Time: Winter - Spring
 Control Time: All year



Panic Veldt Grass *Ehrharta erecta*
 Flowering Time: All year
 Seeding Time: All year
 Control Time: All year



Paterson's Curse *Echium plantagineum*
 Flowering Time: Spring - early Summer
 Seeding Time: Summer
 Control Time: September - October



Quaking Grass *Briza maxima*
 Flowering Time: Winter - Spring
 Seeding Time: Spring - early Summer
 Control Time: June - September



Shade Crassula *Crassula multicaeva*
 Flowering Time: Winter - Spring
 Seeding Time: Spring - Summer
 Control Time: All year



Spear Thistle *Cirsium vulgare*
 Flowering Time: Winter
 Seeding Time: Spring
 Control Time: April - December



St John's Wort *Hypericum perforatum*
 Flowering Time: Summer
 Seeding Time: Autumn - Spring
 Control Time: September - November



Sweet Vernal Grass *Anthoxanthum odoratum*
 Flowering Time: All year
 Seeding Time: All year
 Control Time: Winter - Spring

TREES



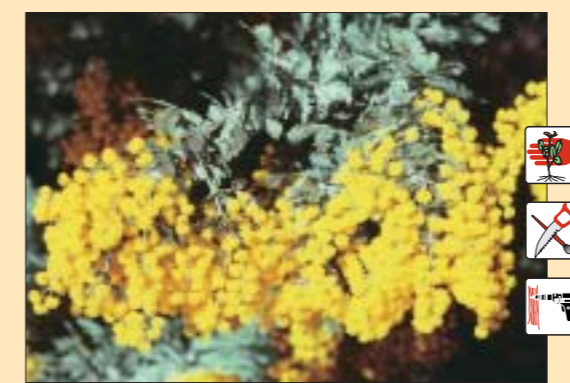
Cape Wattle *Paraserianthes lophantha*
 Flowering Time: Winter
 Seeding Time: pods in Summer
 Control Time: June - All year



Cedar Wattle *Acacia elata*
 Flowering Time: Summer
 Seeding Time: pods in Autumn - early Winter
 Control Time: All year



Cluster Pine *Pinus pinaster*
 Control Time: All year



Cootamundra Wattle *Acacia baileyana*
 Flowering Time: Winter
 Seeding Time: pods in Spring - Summer
 Control Time: All year



Desert Ash *Fraxinus angustifolia*
 Flowering Time: Spring
 Seeding Time: Summer
 Control Time: September - April



Tree of Heaven *Ailanthus altissima*
 Flowering Time: Spring
 Seeding Time: Summer
 Control Time: September - April



Early Black Wattle *Acacia decurrens*
 Flowering Time: late Winter - early Spring
 Seeding Time: pods in Summer
 Control Time: All year



Karamu *Coprosma robusta*
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
 Seeding Time: Summer - Winter
 Control Time: All year



Monterey Pine *Pinus radiata*
 Control Time: All year



Sweet Pittosporum *Pittosporum undulatum*
 Flowering Time: early Spring
 Seeding Time: Autumn - Winter
 Control Time: All year



Willows *Salix* species
 Flowering Time: Spring
 Seeding Time: Summer
 Control Time: September - April



Cherry Plum *Prunus cerasifera*
 Flowering Time: Winter - Spring
 Seeding Time: red, yellow or purple fruit in Summer
 Control Time: September - April

WEED CONTROL TECHNIQUES

- Remove by hand
- Cut stem and paint with herbicide
- Drill and Fill with herbicide
- Overspray with herbicide
- Dig out

Removal of "Tree" and "Shrub" weeds in this brochure may require a Planning Permit. Check with the Shire Offices on 5986 0176. You do not require a planning permit to remove noxious weeds.

HOW YOU CAN HELP CONTROL WEEDS

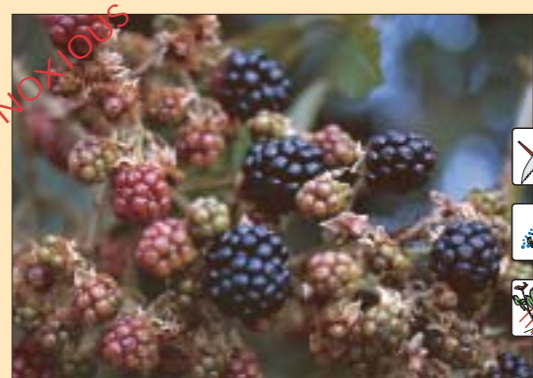
- Identify, then gradually control weeds in your garden, farm property and road frontage.
- Keep grazing animals out of remnant bushland.
- Remove weed seed heads, place in bags and dispose of safely in a bin.
- When removing weeds with mature seeds, avoid dislodging seeds onto the ground.
- If uncertain of weed identification and how to control weeds, seek advice. (see list of contacts overleaf)
- Don't dump weeds, garden waste or soil outside your land. Use Shire waste collection points.
- Consider planting suitable indigenous plants on your land. Information on where you can purchase indigenous plants is available from Shire offices.
- Recognise weeds and don't buy them.
- Avoid disturbance to soil surfaces, as this encourages weeds and causes erosion.
- Look for weeds growing from mulch and remove them.
- Minimise bringing soil into your garden or land.
- Don't dump pond and aquarium plants and fish in our waterways.
- When considering herbicide use, always follow the advice on the label.
- Clean off weed seeds from vehicles, mowers and slashing machinery before moving sites.

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SHRUBS



Berry-flower Heath *Erica baccans*
Flowering Time: Spring
Seeding Time: Spring - Summer
Control Time: All year



Blackberry *Rubus fruticosus* spp. agg.
Flowering Time: Early Summer
Seeding Time: Berries ripen in late Summer - early Autumn
Control Time: October - April



Boneseed *Chrysanthemoides monilifera*
Flowering Time: Winter - Spring
Seeding Time: Summer
Control Time: March - April



Boxthorn *Lycium ferocissimum*
Flowering Time: only flowers in 2nd year of growth, usually Summer
Seeding Time: Throughout the year
Control Time: All year



Bracelet Honey-Myrtle *Melaleuca armillaris*
Flowering Time: Spring
Seeding Time: Summer
Control Time: All year



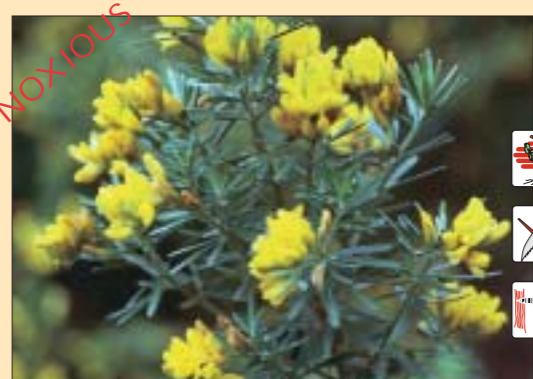
Cape Broom *Genista monspessulana*
Flowering Time: Spring
Seeding Time: Pods in Summer
Control Time: June - November



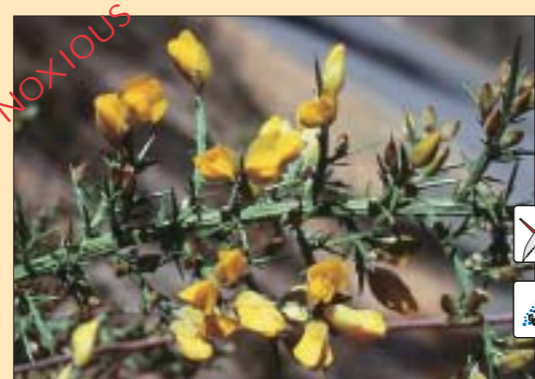
Cotoneaster *Cotoneaster* species
Flowering Time: Spring
Seeding Time: Red berries in late Summer - Autumn
Control Time: All year



English Broom *Cytisus scoparius*
Flowering Time: Spring
Seeding Time: Pods in Summer
Control Time: All year



Flax-leaf Broom *Genista linifolia*
Flowering Time: Winter - Spring
Seeding Time: Pods in Summer
Control Time: October - December



Gorse *Ulex europaeus*
Flowering Time: Sporadic all year, but predominately in Spring
Seeding Time: Predominately Summer
Control Time: All year



Hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
Seeding Time: Autumn - Winter
Control Time: September - April



Ink Weed *Phytolacca octandra*
Flowering Time: All year
Seeding Time: All year
Control Time: All year



Italian Buckthorn *Rhamnus alternus*
Flowering Time: Summer - Autumn
Seeding Time: Autumn - Winter
Control Time: All year



Mirror Bush *Coprosma repens*
Flowering Time: Late Spring - early Summer
Seeding Time: Late Summer - early Autumn
Control Time: All year



Myrtle-leaf Milkwort *Polygala myrtifolia*
Flowering Time: Flowers all year but mostly in Winter - Spring
Seeding Time: Summer
Control Time: All year



Ragwort *Senecio jacobaea*
Flowering Time: October - March but damaged plants may flower anytime
Seeding Time: All year
Control Time: All year



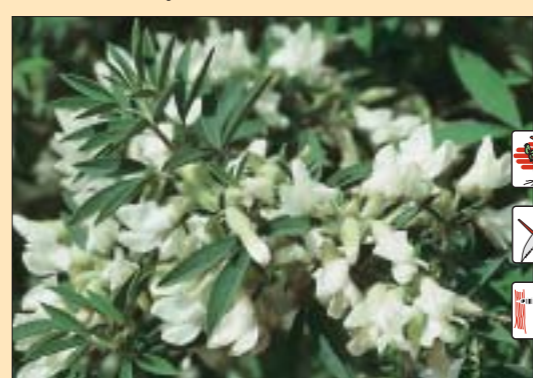
Sallow Wattle *Acacia longifolia*
Flowering Time: Spring
Seeding Time: pods in Summer
Control Time: All year



Spanish Heath *Erica lusitanica*
Flowering Time: Winter - Spring
Seeding Time: Winter - Spring
Control Time: All year



Sweet Hakea *Hakea drupacea* (formerly *suaveolens*)
Flowering Time: Winter
Seeding Time: nuts open in Summer
Control Time: All year

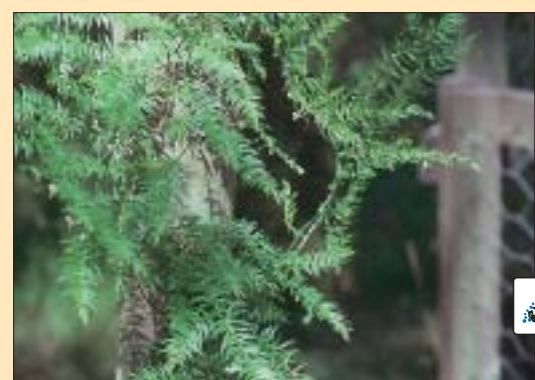


Tree Lucerne *Chamaecytisus palmensis*
Flowering Time: Winter - Spring
Seeding Time: pods in Summer
Control Time: All year



Willow Hakea *Hakea salicifolia*
Flowering Time: Late Spring
Seeding Time: nuts open at any time of year given appropriate environmental conditions
Control Time: All year

CLIMBERS AND CREEPERS



Asparagus Fern *Asparagus scandens*
Flowering Time: Spring
Seeding Time: orange berries in Summer
Control Time: All year



Banana Passionfruit *Passiflora mollissima*
Flowering Time: Autumn
Seeding Time: Winter - Summer
Control Time: All year



Blue Periwinkle *Vinca major*
Flowering Time: Spring
Vegetative reproduction only, rarely seeds
Control Time: All year



Bluebell Creeper *Sollya heterophylla*
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
Seeding Time: Autumn - Winter
Control Time: August - February



Bridal Creeper *Asparagus asparagoides*
Flowering Time: Spring
Seeding Time: Summer
Control Time: June - October



Cape Ivy *Delairea odorata*
Flowering Time: late Autumn - Winter
Seeding Time: early Spring
Control Time: All year



Climbing Dock *Acetosa sagittata*
Flowering Time: Autumn - Winter
Seeding Time: Spring
Control Time: All year



Climbing Groundsel *Senecio angulatus*
Flowering Time: Winter
Seeding Time: Spring
Control Time: All year



Dolichos *Dipogon lignosus*
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
Seeding Time: Summer
Control Time: All year



English Ivy *Hedera helix*
Flowering Time: Late Autumn - Winter
Seeding Time: berries in Winter - Spring
Control Time: All year



Morning Glory *Ipomoea indica*
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
Vegetative reproduction only
Control Time: All year



Japanese Honeysuckle *Lonicera japonica*
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer
Seeding Time: black berries in Summer - Autumn
Control Time: All year



Wandering Tradescantia *Tradescantia fluminensis*
Flowering Time: Summer
Vegetative reproduction only
Control Time: All year



Madeira Vine *Anredera cordifolia*
Flowering Time: Autumn - Winter
Seeding Time: Spring
Control Time: All year

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FURTHER INFORMATION

WEED IDENTIFICATION

- Mornington Peninsula Shire Service Centres
The Conservation Officers
Tel. 5986 0200
Website: www.mornpen.vic.gov.au
- Your local reserve Friends Group members (see the Shire Information Directory)
- Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE)
Website: www.nre.vic.gov.au

WANT MORE INFORMATION ?

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