

# INVASIVE WEED ALERT



BONESSEED



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## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Bushy, semi-woody, much branched shrub or small tree (<2-3 m) with ribbed and woolly young stems that become smooth as they mature.

Smooth, leathery, bright-green leaves (70 x 35 mm) have irregularly toothed edges and are arranged alternately on the stems.



Bright yellow daisy-like flowers (25-30 mm diameter) are produced from September to February and are followed by hard oval green fruit (6-9 mm) which ripen to black and each contain a hard seed.

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

Rapidly replaces virtually all native species under 2 m and prevents the establishment of native plant seedlings. Colonises disturbed sites faster than native species, and creates heavy shade where high light levels should occur.



## CONTROL METHODS

- **Physical control** - Hand pull all but the largest plants (all year round) when not in seed: Leave on site to rot down.

### Herbicide control

- Stump swab (all year round): glyphosate (100ml/L) or metsulfuron-methyl 600g/kg (1g/L) or picloram gel or triclopyr 600 EC (100ml/L).
- Spray: glyphosate (10ml/L + penetrant).



**CAUTION:** When using any herbicide or pesticide, PLEASE READ THE LABEL THOROUGHLY to ensure that all instructions and safety requirements are followed.