

# Priority Weeds List for the Blue Mountains Local Government Area

## Council's Approach to Weed Control in the Blue Mountains LGA

Council is the Local Control Authority under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015. This allows the power to provide delegated authority to staff to act as Authorised Officers, who in turn inspect private properties for the presence of Priority Weeds, offer weed control advice, and issue notices under the Act, as appropriate.

The process Council uses is a best practice compliance approach, based on cooperation and education, focusing on capacity building, advocacy, encouragement and technical support. It has a clear escalation pathway, which transitions to a regulatory approach where there is consistent non-voluntary compliance. The tables below contain the State, Regional and Local Priority Weeds for the Blue Mountains Local Government Area and their recommended control measure, pursuant to the Act.

### Table 1: State Priority Weeds

<b>Control Measure:</b> The plant must be eradicated from the land and be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed; and the land must be kept free of the plant.	
Common Name	Scientific Name
African Boxthorn	<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>
Asparagus Weeds*	<i>Asparagus spp.</i>
Athel Pine	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>
Bellyache Bush	<i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i>
Blackberry*	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
Boneseed*	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. monilifera</i>
Bridal Creeper*	<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>
Cape Broom*	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>
Chilean Needle Grass*	<i>Nassella neesiana</i>
Fireweed*	<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i>
Flax-leaf Broom*	<i>Genista linifolia</i>
Gorse*	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Lantana*	<i>Lantana camara</i>
Madera Vine*	<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>
Mesquite	<i>Prosopis spp.</i>
Mouse Eared Hawkweed*	<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>
Opuntia (Prickly Pear)*	<i>Opuntia spp.</i>
Orange Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum.</i>
Sagittaria	<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>
Scotch/English Broom*	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
Serrated Tussock*	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>
Silver-leaf nightshade	<i>Solanum eleagnifolium</i>
Tropical Soda Apple	<i>Solanum viarum</i>
Willows*	<i>Salix spp.</i>

<b>Control Measure:</b> If the weed is part of a new infestation of the weed on the land, notify the Local Control Authority as soon as practicable.	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Alligator Weed*	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>
Bitou Bush	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotunda</i>
Cabomba*	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
Cats Claw Creeper*	<i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i>
Salvinia*	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>
Water Hyacinth*	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>

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Image: Lantan, *Lantana camara*.

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## Table 2: Regional Priority Weeds

<b>Control Measure:</b> The plant must be eradicated from the land and be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed; and the land must be kept free of the plant.	
Common Name	Scientific Name
African Olive*	<i>Olea europaea subsp.cuspidata</i>
Black Willow	<i>Salix nigra</i>
Chinese knotweed	<i>Persicaria chinensis</i>
Climbing Asparagus	<i>Asparagus africanus</i>
Glory Lily	<i>Gloriosa superba</i>
Horsetails*	<i>Equisetum spp.</i>
Hygrophilla	<i>Hygrophilla costata</i>
Kei Apple	<i>Dovyalis caffra</i>
Kidney leaf mud plantain	<i>Heteranthera reniformis</i>
Kudzu	<i>Pueraria lobate</i>
Leaf cactus	<i>Pereskia aculeate</i>
Ming Fern*	<i>Asparagus macowanii var. zuluensis</i>
Mysore Thorn	<i>Caesalpinia decapetala</i>
Sea Spurge	<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>
Sicilian Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium hyblaenum</i>
Sicklethorn	<i>Asparagus falcatus</i>
Skunk Vine	<i>Paederia foetida</i>

<b>Control Measure:</b> The plant should be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Giant Reed*	<i>Arundo donax</i>
Green Cestrum*	<i>Cestrum parqui</i>
Holly-leaved Senecio	<i>Senecio glastifolius</i>
Pampas Grass*	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>
Senegal Tea	<i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i>
Serrated Tussock*	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>
Singapore Daisy	<i>Sphagneticola trilobata</i>
Water Poppy	<i>Hydrocleys nymphoides</i>
Willow-leaf Primrose*	<i>Ludwigia peruviana</i>

## Table 3: Local Priority Weeds

<b>Control Measure:</b> The plant should be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed	
Common Name	Scientific Name
African Lovegrass*	<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>
Barberry*	<i>Berberis aristata</i>
Black Cherry*	<i>Prunus serotina</i>
Box Elder*	<i>Acer negundo</i>
Butterfly Bush*	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>
Cassia/Senna*	<i>Senna pendula</i>
Castor Oil Plant*	<i>Ricinus communis</i>
Cherry Laurel*	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
Coolatai Grass*	<i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i>
Cootamundra Wattle*	<i>Acacia baileyana</i>
Cotoneaster*	<i>Cotoneaster spp.</i>
Crofton Weed*	<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>
English Holly*	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Evergreen Dogwood*	<i>Cornus capitata</i>
Firethorn*	<i>Pyracantha spp.</i>
Himalayan Honeysuckle*	<i>Leycesteria formosa</i>
Mickey Mouse Plant/Ochna*	<i>Ochna serrulata</i>
Mistflower*	<i>Ageratina riparia</i>
Montbretia*	<i>Crocsmia x crocosmiiflora</i>
Mother of Millions*	<i>Bryophyllum spp.</i>
Mount Morgan/ Queensland Silver Wattle*	<i>Acacia podalyriifolia</i>
Paterson's Curse*	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>
Portuguese Laurel*	<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>
Privet* European	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>
Privet* Large-leaf	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>
Privet* Small-leaf	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>
Rhizomatous Bamboo* - Black	<i>Phyllostachys nigra</i>
Rhizomatous Bamboo*	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>
Rhus Tree*	<i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i>
Spanish/Portuguese Heath*	<i>Erica lusitanica</i>
St. John's Wort*	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>

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<b>Control Measure:</b> The plant should be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed	
Sycamore*	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>
Tree Lucerne/Tagasaste*	<i>Chamaecytisus palmensis</i>
Tree of Heaven*	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Tutsan*	<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>
Viper's Bugloss*	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Wild Tobacco Bush*	<i>Solanum mauritianum</i>
Yellow Bells*	<i>Tecoma stans</i>

<b>Control Measure:</b> Plants under 4 metres in height should be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Black Locust*	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>
Camphor Laurel*	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>
Honey Locust*	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>

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**Image:** Yellow Bells, *Tecoma stans*. This plant should be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.

<b>Control Measure:</b> The spread of this plant should be adequately contained to prevent spread impacting on a priority asset. Weed Notices will only be issued for these weeds under <b>special circumstances</b> .	
Common Name	Scientific Name
Agapanthus*	<i>Agapanthus praecox subsp. orientalis</i>
Arum Lily*	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>
Balloon Vine*	<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>
Banana Passionfruit*	<i>Passiflora mollissima</i>
Blue Morning Glory*	<i>Ipomoea indica</i>
Blue Periwinkle*	<i>Vinca major</i>
Cape Ivy*	<i>Delairea odorata</i>
English Ivy*	<i>Hedera helix</i>
Evergreen Alder*	<i>Alnus jorullensis</i>
Japanese Honeysuckle*	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Moth Vine*	<i>Araujia sericifera</i>
New Zealand Cabbage Gum*	<i>Cordyline australis</i>
Scotch Thistle*	<i>Onoporum acanthium</i>
Sweet Briar*	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>
Sweet Vernal Grass*	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>
Trad/Wandering Jew*	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>
Turkey Rhubarb*	<i>Acetosa sagittata</i>
Watsonia*	<i>Watsonia meriana</i>
White Jasmine*	<i>Jasminum polyanthum</i>
White Poplar*	<i>Populus alba</i>
Yorkshire Fog*	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>

For more information on weeds, including how to control them, go to [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/weeds](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/weeds)