



Declared noxious weeds - Listed by common name

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This note describes the legislative classification of weeds in Victoria, outlines the responsibilities of land owners for control of weeds and the legal restrictions on trade and dispersal of noxious weeds, and provides a list of noxious weeds with their current classifications.

Declared noxious weeds in Victoria are plants that have been proclaimed under the *Catchment and Land Protection (CaLP) Act 1994*. These plants cause environmental or economic harm or have the potential to cause such harm. They can also present risks to human health. The Act defines four categories of noxious weeds:

- State Prohibited Weeds
- Regionally Prohibited Weeds
- Regionally Controlled Weeds
- Restricted Weeds.

The Regions referred to are the ten catchment Regions in Victoria (see map). Each Region recommends to the Minister, through a Catchment Management Authority (CMA), which plants should be declared noxious weeds, and the categories in which they should be placed.



Figure 1. Victoria's Catchment Management Regions.

Plants have also been proclaimed noxious under the *Fisheries Act 1995* and are known as:

- Noxious Aquatic Species

State Prohibited Weeds

These weeds either do not occur in Victoria but pose a significant threat if they invade, or are present, pose a serious threat and can reasonably be expected to be eradicated. If present, infestations of a State Prohibited Weed are relatively small. They are to be eradicated if possible from Victoria or excluded from the State. The Victorian Government is responsible for their eradication,

but under Section 70(1) of the CaLP Act it may direct land owners to prevent their growth and spread. See those weeds marked with an "S" in the following table.

Regionally Prohibited Weeds

In general Regionally Prohibited Weeds are not widely distributed in a Region but are capable of spreading further. It is reasonable to expect that they can be eradicated from a Region and they must be managed with that purpose. Land owners, including public authorities responsible for Crown land management, must eradicate or control these weeds on their lands. Private landholders are responsible for control on private land but not on roadsides adjoining their property, which are the responsibility of VicRoads, municipalities or DSE, depending on the class of road. Further information can be obtained from local DSE/DPI offices. See those weeds marked with a "P" in the following table.

Regionally Controlled Weeds

These weeds are usually widespread and are considered important in a particular Region. To prevent their spread, continuing control measures are required. Land owners have the responsibility to take all reasonable steps to control and prevent the spread and growth of Regionally Controlled weeds on their land and the roadsides that adjoin their land. However certain roadsides are exempt. Contact the Regional DSE/DPI office for further advice. See those weeds marked with a "C" in the following table.

Restricted Weeds

This category includes plants that are a serious threat to primary production, Crown land, the environment or community health in another State or Territory of Australia, which have the potential to spread into and within Victoria, and pose an unacceptable risk of spreading in this State or to other parts of Australia if they were to be sold or traded in Victoria. Trade in these weeds and materials containing them is prohibited. See those weeds marked with an "R" in the following table.

Fisheries Act Noxious Aquatic Species

These plants pose a serious threat to a fishery, the aquatic environment or human health. It is an offence to bring into Victoria or possess, sell, transport or release them. See those plants marked with an "F" in the following table.



Classification of declared noxious weeds in Victoria under the Catchment and Land Protection Act, proclaimed in Victorian Government Gazettes of 18 December 1997, 22 May 2003, 27 October 2005 and 5 April 2006, and plants declared Noxious Aquatic Species under the Fisheries Act.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Mallee	Wimmera	Glenelg-Hopkins	North Central	Corangamite	Port Phillip West *1	Port Phillip East *1	Goulburn Broken	North East	West Gippsland	East Gippsland
African Boxthorn	<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	C
African Daisy	<i>Senecio pterophorus</i>	P	P	P	P			C	P	P		
African Feather-grass	<i>Pennisetum macrourum</i>	P		P	P		C					
African Love-grass	<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	P			P		C		C	P	P	P
Alligator Weed	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Amsinckia	<i>Amsinckia</i> spp.			C					C	C		C
Angled Onion	<i>Allium triquetrum</i>					C		C				
Apple of Sodom	<i>Solanum limmaeanum</i>			C			C	C		P	C	C
Artichoke Thistle	<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	C			C		C	C	P			
Athel Pine, Tamarisk	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Bathurst Burr	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>		C	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	C	C
Bear-skin Fescue	<i>Festuca gautieri</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>		C			C				C		
Blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Black Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Boneseed/Bitou Bush	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C		P	P
Branched Broomrape *5	<i>Orobancha ramosa</i> *5	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Bridal Creeper	<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Buffalo Burr	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>		P						P			
Cabomba	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Californian/Perennial Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>		P	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	C	C
Caltrop	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>		C	P	C	C			C	C		
Camel Thorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Cape Broom/ Montpellier Broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>		C	C		C		C	C	C	C	C
Cape Tulip (One-leaf)	<i>Moraea flaccida</i> (gazetted as <i>Homeria flaccida</i>)	P	P/C *2	C	C	P	C	P	P	P	P	P
Cape Tulip (Two-leaf)	<i>Moraea miniata</i> (gazetted as <i>Homeria miniata</i>)	P	P/C *2	C	C	P	C	P	P	P		
Caulerpa	<i>Caulerpa taxifolia</i>	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Chilean Cestrum	<i>Cestrum parqui</i>		C *4						P	P		P
Chilean Needle-grass	<i>Nassella neesiana</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Devil's Claw (Purple-flower)	<i>Proboscidea louisianica</i>								P	C		
Devil's Claw (Yellow-flower)	<i>Proboscidea lutea</i> (gazetted as <i>Ibicella lutea</i>)								P	C		
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta</i> spp.	C	P		C				C	C		
English Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>		C			C		C	C	C	C	C
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>			C		C		C			C	C
Flax-leaved Broom	<i>Genista linifolia</i>		C			C	C				C	P
Giant Knotweed	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Giraffe Thorn	<i>Acacia erioloba</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Golden Thistle	<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>			P	C		P	C	P			
Gorse/Furze	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P
Great Mullein	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>					C	C	C	C	C	P	C
Hardheads/Russian Knapweed	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	P	P		C		P		C			
Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium</i> spp.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>			C		C		C		C	C	C
Hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>			C		C	C	C		C	C	C
Hoary Cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i> (gazetted as <i>Cardaria draba</i>)	P		C		C	C	C	C		P	P
Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	C	C
Horsetail	<i>Equisetum</i> spp.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Hymenachne	<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Illyrian Thistle	<i>Onopordum illyricum</i>				P				P	P		
Ivy-leaved Sida	<i>Malvella leprosa</i> (gazetted as <i>Sida leprosa</i>)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Japanese Knotweed hybrid	<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Karoo Thorn	<i>Acacia karroo</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Khaki Weed	<i>Alternanthera pungens</i>		P		C				P			P
Lagarosiphon	<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Lobed Needle Grass	<i>Nassella charruana</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Marijuana	<i>Cannabis sativa</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mesquite	<i>Prosopis</i> spp.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mexican Feather Grass	<i>Nassella tenuissima</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mimosa	<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Nodding Thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Noogoora Burr /Californian Burr	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> (incl. <i>X. occidentale</i> & <i>X. orientale</i>)	C	P	P	C				C	C		
Onion Weed	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>		C*4	C		C						
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Ox-eye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>					P			C	C	C	C
Pampas Lily-of-the-Valley	<i>Salpichroa origanifolia</i>			C					C		C	
Parkinsonia	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Parthenium Weed	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Paterson's Curse	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Perennial Ragweed	<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Pond Apple	<i>Annona glabra</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Poverty Weed	<i>Iva axillaris</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Prairie Ground Cherry	<i>Physalis viscosa</i>	P	P		C	C	P	C	C	P		P
Prickly Acacia	<i>Acacia nilotica</i> subsp. <i>indica</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Prickly Pear (Drooping)	<i>Opuntia monacantha</i> (gazetted as <i>O. vulgaris</i>)	P			C		C			C		P
Prickly Pear (Erect)	<i>Opuntia stricta</i>	P			C		C			C	P	P
Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>			C		C	C	C	P		C	C
Ricegrass/Common Cordgrass	<i>Spartina anglica</i>	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Rubber Vine	<i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Saffron Thistle	<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>		C	C			C	C	C	C	C	C
Salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Sand Rocket/Sand Mustard	<i>Diplotaxis tenuifolia</i>			C		C	C	C				
Scotch/Heraldic Thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>			P	P			P	C	C	C	C
Serrated Tussock	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	P		C	P	P	C	C	P	P	C	P
Silverleaf Nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	P	P		C			P	P	P		
Skeleton Weed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>			C				P		C		C
Slender/Shore Thistle	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i> / <i>C. pycnocephalus</i>			C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Soldier Thistle	<i>Picnomon acarna</i> (gazetted as <i>Cirsium arcana</i>)		C		C				P			
Soursob	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>			C		C						
Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>			C		C		C		C	C	C
Spiny Broom	<i>Calicotome spinosa</i>							C				
Spiny Burr Grass/Gentle Annie	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>	C	P	P	C				C	P		
Spiny Emex	<i>Emex australis</i>	C							P			
Spiny Rush	<i>Juncus acutus</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	P
St Barnaby's Thistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>								C	C		
St John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>		C	C	C	P	P	C	C	C	C	C
St Peter's Wort	<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>							P	P			
Star Thistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>									P		P
Stemless Thistle	<i>Onopordum acaulon</i>		C						C			P
Stinkwort	<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>			C		C	C	C		C		
Sweet Briar	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>		C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Tangled Hypericum	<i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Thorn Apple (Common)	<i>Datura stramonium</i>			C	C	C	C	C	P	C		C
Thorn Apple (Long-spine)	<i>Datura ferox</i>			C	C	C	C	C	P	C		C
Thorn Apple (Recurved)	<i>Datura innoxia</i>			C	C	C	C	C	P	C		C
Topped Lavender	<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>				P			C	P	C	P	
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>			C		C	C	C	C	C		C
Tufted Honeyflower	<i>Melianthus comosus</i>			C					P		P	
Tutsan	<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>					C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Variiegated Thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>			C		C		C	C	C	C	C
Viper's Bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>		C	C					C	C		
Wakame Seaweed	<i>Undaria</i>	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Water Hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Wheel Cactus	<i>Opuntia robusta</i>	P	P		C					C		P
Wild Garlic	<i>Allium vineale</i>	C	P/C*3	C	C	P	P		P	C		
Wild Mignonette	<i>Reseda luteola</i>					C	C			C		
Wild Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>			C		C			P	C	C	C
Wild Watsonia	<i>Watsonia meriana</i> var. <i>bulbillifera</i> (gazetted as <i>W. meriana</i> 'Bulbillifera')			C		C	C	C		C	C	C
Willows*6	<i>Salix</i> spp. *6	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

Key to symbols in the table of declared weeds

S = State Prohibited P = Regionally Prohibited C = Regionally Controlled R = Restricted
 F = Fisheries Act Noxious Aquatic Species

*1 The boundary between Port Phillip East and Port Phillip West is formed by the following Roads: Williamstown, Geelong, Tullamarine Freeway, Mickleham, Old Sydney, Arkells, Broadford-Wallan, North Mountain.

*2 Regionally Controlled Weed in Shire of West Wimmera; Regionally Prohibited Weed elsewhere.

*3 Regionally Controlled Weed in Shire of Hindmarsh; Regionally Prohibited Weed elsewhere.

*4 Regionally Controlled Weed in Shire of Northern Grampians only.

*5 Branched broomrape is also a declared exotic disease under the *Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995*.

*6 Except *Salix alba* var. *caerulea*, *Salix alba* x *matsudana*, *Salix babylonica*, *Salix* X *calodendron*, *Salix caprea* 'Pendula', *Salix matsudana* 'Aurea', *Salix matsudana* 'Tortuosa', *Salix myrsinifolia* and *Salix* X *reichardtii*.

Strategic Approach

The Victorian government has adopted a strategic approach in the management of the risks posed by weeds. This is outlined in *Victorian Pest Management – A Framework for Action* and applied in Regional Weed Action Plans (RWAPs). Priority is given to:

- State Prohibited Weeds and weeds of regional significance as determined by CMAs. The RWAPs specify priority species and locations, and the management actions to be taken.
- Prevention and early intervention as the most cost effective means of weed management.
- Supporting community action that is based on a planned, long-term, integrated approach to land management and which results in public benefit.

Complying with the Catchment and Land Protection Act

DSE is responsible for administering the CaLP Act and employs Pest Management Officers through DPI to enforce provisions of the Act. Priority for enforcement is given to the species and locations determined to be of greatest importance by the CMA in each Region. Property owners who do not eradicate or control the Regionally Prohibited or Regionally Controlled weeds for which they are responsible may be issued with a Land Management Notice that requires specific control work to be undertaken. Failure to comply with the conditions of a Notice may result in court action and fines of over \$25,000.

Under the Act, DPI can also restrict the movement of grain, fodder, equipment or animals that are likely to spread noxious weeds. In the case of State Prohibited Weeds, DPI can direct a land owner to prevent the growth of the weed, or restrict the movement of grain, fodder, equipment, vehicles and animals where the weed is present.

There are no legal requirements to eradicate or control Restricted Weeds growing on land.

Sections 70 and 71 of the Act prohibit the following for all declared noxious weeds, irrespective of category or Region:

- The movement from land on to a road of: –
 1. vehicles used for carrying hay, grain, fodder or livestock,
 2. vehicles used for carrying machinery or equipment for road and utility building or maintenance,
 3. machinery, implements or other equipment – without first taking precautions to ensure the equipment is free from noxious weed seeds and any other part of a noxious weed that is capable of growing (weed propagules).
- Purchase, sale, offering for sale or purchase, and possession for the purpose of sale of noxious weeds or their propagules.
- Removal or sale of soil, sand, gravel or stone which contains or is likely to contain any part of a noxious

weed, or which comes from land on which noxious weeds grow.

- Removal or sale of fodder or grain containing noxious weed propagules.
- Sale, hire, or offering for hire of a substance or machine for use in primary production that contains noxious weed propagules.
- Sale of an animal carrying seeds of a noxious weed, except directly to an approved meat processing facility.
- Transport of a noxious weed or its propagules within Victoria.
- Deposition on land of a noxious weed or its seeds.

Offenders can be required to remove the weed from any infested goods, or destroy the weed immediately or within a specified time. Infested goods can be impounded. Noxious weeds possessed illegally or being offered for sale can be seized.

Permits that allow a specifically prohibited activity may be granted if special circumstances apply.

Further Information

Your local Pest Management Officer can provide detailed information and advice on weed management.

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