

NOXIOUS WEED FACT SHEET

NAME:	Green Cestrum
BOTANICAL NAME:	<i>Cestrum parqui</i>
ORIGINS:	Native to Central and South America and is a member of the potato family.
NOXIOUS WEED CATEGORY:	Class 3 – The plant must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.
DESCRIPTION:	A straggling erect shrub to 3m, leaves alternate, shiny green with an unpleasant odour when crushed. Yellow-green tubular flowers clustered at branch ends. Shiny black, egg shaped fruit.
BIOLOGY:	When disturbed it will sucker and spread. Seed is spread by birds and water.
HABITAT:	Found in gardens and bushland, mainly under trees and along fence lines.
DETRIMENTAL AFFECTS:	All parts of the plant is poisonous to livestock and berries potentially toxic to humans.



See other side for control methods.

CONTROL METHODS:

Early control is essential to avoid major problems.

Mechanical

Small seedlings can be removed by hand.

Physical control is difficult and least effective method. Suckering and regrowth evident from basal crown after unsuccessful physical control.

Chemical

Cut stump method Cut branches to just above ground level and treat with suitable herbicide. Treatment should be made within minutes of cutting the plant.

Foliar Spraying Ensure that you treat both leaves and stems with appropriate herbicide.

Treat in autumn or spring when the plant is actively growing.

Always read the label before using any pesticides. All chemicals MUST be used strictly in accordance with the registered label for the product.

Biological

No biological control agents are available at present.

For additional information, contact the Vegetation Control Officer at Lake Macquarie City Council – (02) 49210360

