

# NOXIOUS WEED FACT SHEET

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>Lantana</b>
<b>BOTANICAL NAME:</b>	<i>Lantana camara</i>
<b>ORIGINS:</b>	Originally from the Americas
<b>NOXIOUS WEED CATEGORY:</b>	Class 5 - The requirements in the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 for notifiable weed must be complied with.
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Lantana is a perennial summer growing, shallow rooted shrub. Stems are square shaped, covered with prickles. Leaves opposite, upper surface darker than underside, with pungent odour when crushed. Flowers are in dense clusters 4-8 mm diameter, colour variable usually pink to red/yellow. Flowering any time of year. Fruit is a green drupe (berry) maturing to shiny black
<b>BIOLOGY:</b>	Lantana is a <i>Weed of National Significance</i> and is one of the most invasive weeds in our bushlands.
<b>HABITAT:</b>	Lantana can be found in coastal areas. It is a major weed along roadsides, fencelines and neglected land.
<b>DETRIMENTAL AFFECTS:</b>	Has taken over native bushland and has naturalised. Well established infestations dramatically alter ecological processes with birds and animals are now using it as habitat.

See other side for control methods.



# CONTROL METHODS:

Early control is essential to avoid major problems.

## Mechanical

Seedlings and small plants can be hand-pulled or dug out.

To prevent regrowth ensure all roots and layered, rooting stems are removed

### NOTIFIABLE WEED

PLANT IS NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM PROPERTY.

## Chemical

Plants can be treated with the cut-paint method or spraying.

There are many selective sprays and non-selective sprays available to treat Lantana

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

## Biological

There are many different bio-control agents for Lantana. They include

- *Epinotia lantana* – a flower & bud eating moth
- *Prospodium tuberculatum* – a rust.
- *Aconophora compressa* – a stem-sucking bug.



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