

ENVIRONMENTAL WEED FACT SHEET

NAME: **Morning Glory**

BOTANICAL NAME: *Ipomoea spp.*

DESCRIPTION: Robust, soft hairy perennial creeper. Leaves alternate, cordate, margin entire or 3-5 lobed, 7 -10cm long, the tip pointed, light to dark green. Flowers are trumpet-like purple/blue fading to pink, flowering over the summer months.

BIOLOGY: Rampant plants capable of totally altering invaded habitats. They favour sunny positions in moist areas. Once established, it is difficult to remove.

HABITAT: Disturb areas around habitation, growing over fences, trees and other vegetation.

See other side for control methods.



CONTROL METHODS:

Early control is essential to avoid major problems.

Mechanical

Small infestations can be manually be removed. All stems in contact with soil must be removed and the roots dug out to ensure no regrowth occurs.

Chemical

Caution when applying herbicides must be used in consideration for any non target plant which the morning glory may be using as a host.

Plants can be sprayed with Glyphosate 360g/L

Large vines can be treated by the stem-scape or cut and paint method.

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 bio-controls available.

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

