### COMMON PROBLEM INVASIVE PLANTS IN KLOOFENDAL NATURE RESERVE

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This list includes the major problematic invasive plants in Kloofendal. As there are so many, the lesser problematic invasive plants have not been included in this document. So far 64 problematic plant species in Kloofendal have been listed

This is a "working document". The contents will need to be updated from time to time.

This document on invasive problem plants in Kloofendal is based on the list of declared alien & invasive species, published in the Alien and Invasive Species Regulations (AIS), National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (Act no 10 of 2004) as published in the Government Gazette, 1 August 2014

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Advice on poisons can be obtained from Avoncod (2009 information)

This manual is to be used as an aid for students learning to identify invasive problem plants in Gauteng & North West Province, the practical training based in Kloofendal Nature Reserve.

Thanks to Jörgen Hammerström, alien invasive plant control portfolio, Friends of Kloofendal Committee, and his team for their dedicated work on Invasive Alien control over many years.

LISTED INVASIV	'E PROBLEM PLAI	NTS IN KLOOFENI	OAL RES	SERVE
	CREEPERS &	CLIMBERS		
Picture	Description	Location of the weed	Carsten's s 2015 in Recommende see reference Recommende	mainly based on Wendy accessful weed control in Melville Koppies ed by Clive Bromilow – a above ed by Klein, H. & acce reference above
Moth catcher Category 1b  Creeper with milky latex , white flowers & big seedpod	39. Araujia serricifera (Family: Asclepiadaceae)  Big seedpod	Amphitheatre, path towards dam riverside vegetation White flowers.	_	Dig and pull out. Remove seed pod if accessible.

# Morning Glory - Ipomoea



Bromilow
179. Ipomoea purpera

179. *Ipomoea purpera* (Family: Convolvulaceae)



178. Ipomoea indica

Plentiful near ex solar panel & pump, near "Jaccuzi"



179. Ipomoea purpera

Bag flowers, pull out plant

Extremely difficult to control. Is sensitive to hormone- type herbicides.

Japanese or Hall's honeysuckle, Japanse kanferfoelie Category 3

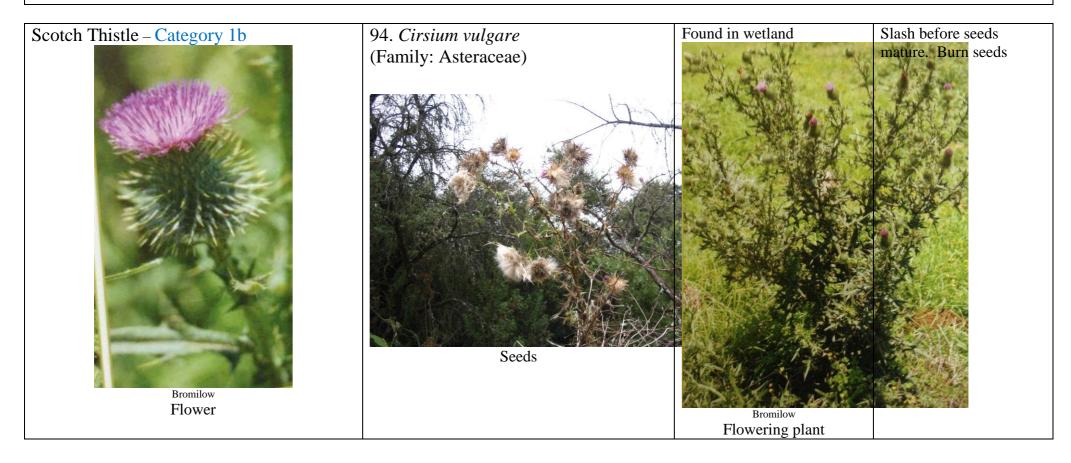
200. *Lonicera japonica* (Family: Caprifoleaceae)



Northern side of wetland, bordering gardens of back neighbour to the reserve. Growing rampantly Pulling out entire plant & rootsystem.
Systemic herbicides

# HERBS & SHRUBS

# 1. PLANTS WITH LOTS OF TROUBLESOME SEEDS



Pompom Weed, Category 1	71. Campuloclinium macrocephalum	Next to entrance, near	Bag seeds & flowers &
	(Family: Asteraceae)	Thomas' cottage, on ridge	pull out plants. No
Control of the second		above path to dam	slashing.
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Bromilow			

### 2. POISONOUS INVADERS

Jerusalem Cherry, Bosgifappel Category1b



340. *Solanum pseudocapsicum* (Family: Solanaceae) Small bush with bright orange round



Edges of amphitheatre, northern part, along path to dam and yellow on map



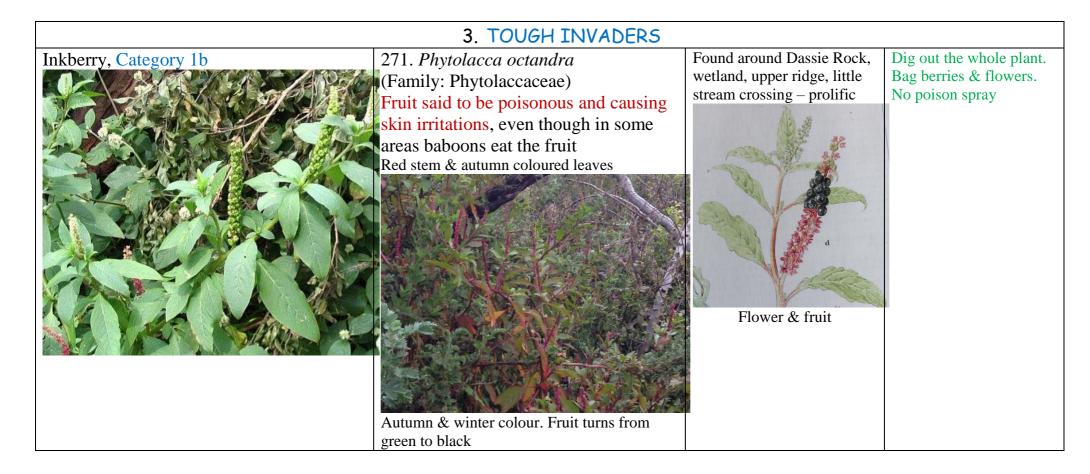
Dig out, bag the seeds. Big bushes to be cut below the ground level. Apply Round-up on cut stem.

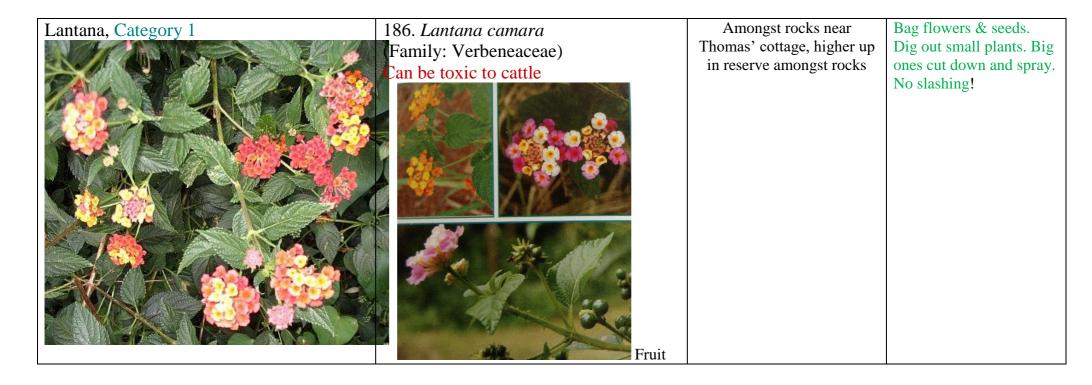


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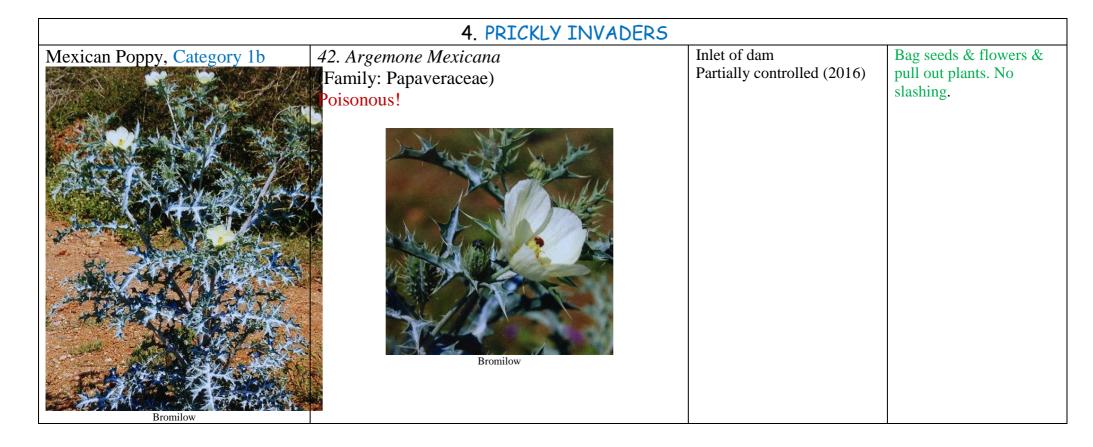
Solanum pseudocapsicum pictures

	18. Datura stramonium Family: Solanaceae)  Wetland	Post emergence herbicides Bag seeds, pull out and dig out plants.
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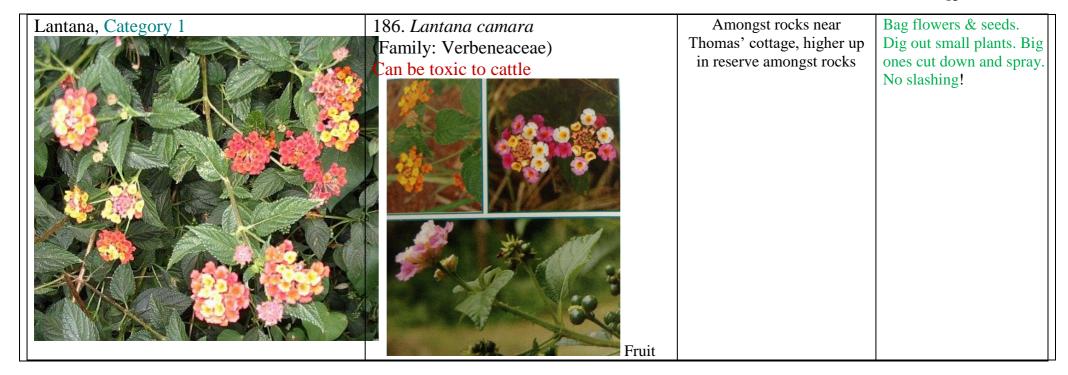


Crofton weed, Mexican devil, Snake root -	21. Agaratina adenophora	In Kloofendal. Abundant in	Try to eradicate before
Category 1b	(Euphatorium adenophorum) (Family: Asteraceae) Unpalatable to cattle, toxic to horses	Wilgespruit stream along Christiaan de Wet Road	flowering. Uproot plant by grabbing hold of base & pulling. If it does not come out easily, cut of roots in soil from above, close to base & use tool to lever out. Roots left behind will not grow again, but stems will. Discard on dry rock away from stream far enough from stream so that plant cannot be swept back into stream.



Dense-thorned bitter apple Category 1b	342. Solanum sisymbriifolium (Family: Solanaceae) Very prickly weed	Pull out & dig out Herbicide (expensive), biocontrol with minimal success so far

Wild verbena, Blouwaterbossie	371. Verbena bonariensis*	Wetland	Bag seeds & flowers &
Category 1b	(Family: Verbenaceae)		pull out plants. No
Bromilow	Van Wyk, J. Imaged list of Wild Flowers of Kloofendal Nature Reserve. 2015 Erect, robust, sparsely branched annual on floodplains, in grassland, in disturbed areas. Stems crosscut square, rough like sandpaper		Slashing.  Control by cultivation and broadleaved weed herbicide
	Verbena brasiliensis*		Bag seeds & flowers &
	(Family: Verbenaceae)		pull out plants. No
	Van Wyk, J. Imaged list of Wild Flowers of Kloofendal Nature Reserve. 2015		Control by cultivation and broadleaved weed herbicide



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	INVADERS IN AMPHITHEATRE ARE	A	
Canna, Indian shot — Category 1b	72. Canna indica (Family: Cannaceae)  Strong rhizomatous root, difficult to eradicate	In flower bed in amphitheatre area	Dig out & remove rhizomes.
Sword Fern - Category 3	228. Nephrolepis exaltata (Family: Nephrolepidaceae)  Bromilow	In flowerbedS in amphitheatre area	Hand pulling is possible but make sure all parts of the plant are removed

# SUCCULENTS

Sweet prickly pear, boereturksvy

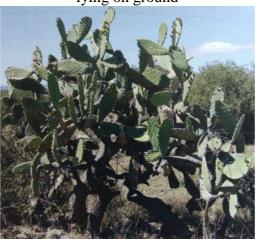
Category 1b



239. *Opuntia ficus-indica* (Family: Cactaceae)

Aggressive invader. Propagates easily from leaf-pads or cladodes, even from small piece

lying on ground

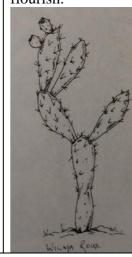


Southern border of reserve, adjacent to neighbouring gardens, also on eastern border of reserve



Chemical control possible with various herbicides Biological (cochineal bug) control very successful See Bromilow, C. "Problem plants & alien weeds of South Africa.

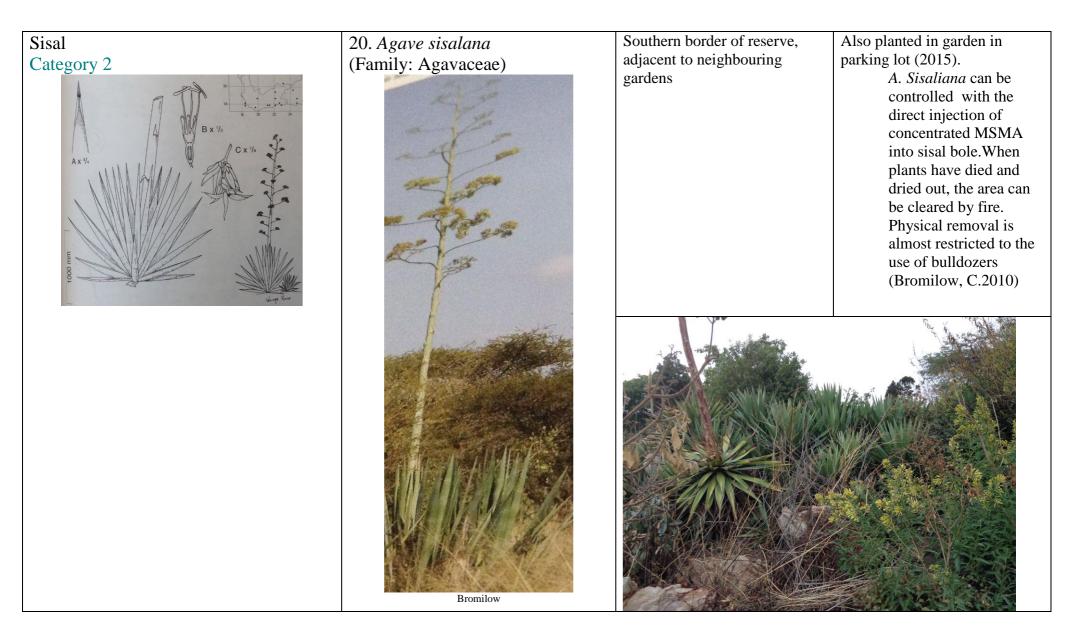
Small leaf piece lying on ground can produce roots & flourish.

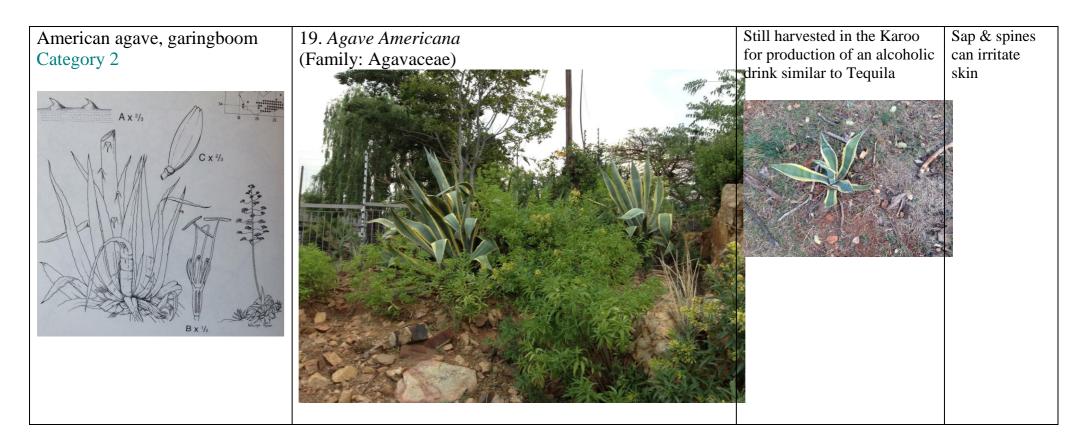




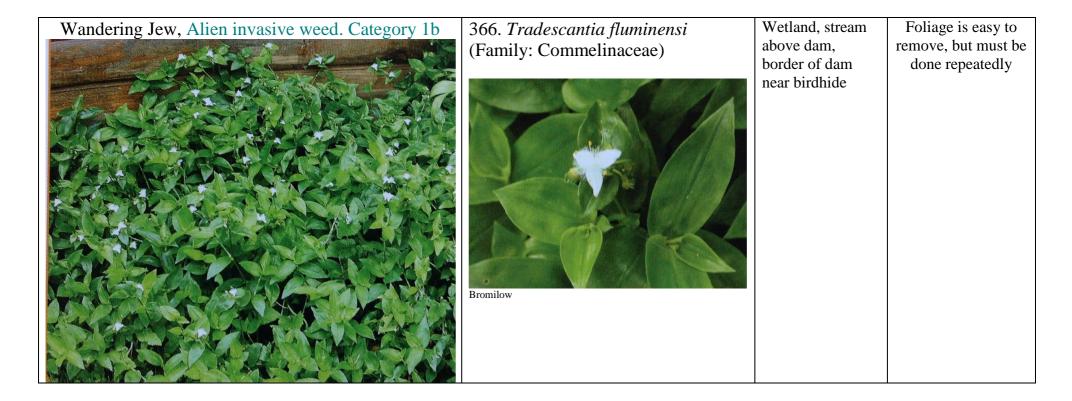








FLAT GROWING HERBS					
Pink knotweed - Category 1b	268. Persicaria capitata Polygonum capitatum	(Family: Polygonaceae) Streambed above dam	Pull out		



Greater Periwinkle,	374. Vinca major	In streambed above dam	Pull out
Category 1b	(Family: Apocynaceae)		
Category 16	Bromilow		

# GRASS

Pampas Grass, Category 1b

97. *Cortaderia jubata* (Family: Poaceae)

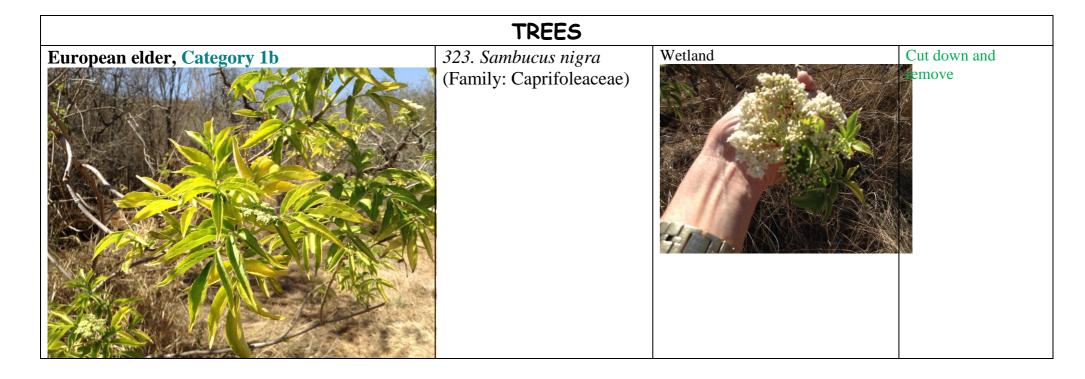


In mine –has been removed. In wetland – removed but good chance of regrowth

Cut off flowers before seeding, burn them, and dig out stumps Spray if regrowth

No work has been done on invasive, problem and/ or alien grasses, except for Pampas grass

WATER WEEDS					
Watercress, Sterkkos Category 2	226. Nasturtium officinale (Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum)	Not in Kloofendal yet, abundant in Crocodile river in Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens — grows in water.	Remove by hand		



(Family: Fabaceae) side of reserve	Pepper tree wattle, Category 1b	6. Acacia elata	In riverbed, also on ridge on west	Cut low & spray stump
	Pepper tree wattie, Category 16		side of reserve	Cut low & spray stump

Black Wattle – Category 2	10. Acacia mearnsii	All over the reserve in small	Cut low & spray stump
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Pearl Acacia, Vaal	13. Acacia podalyriifolia	Top of reserve	Cut low & spray
mimosa – Category 1b	(Family: Fabaceae)		stump
	Bromilow		



Leaves of this tree are usually bright green and may have shiny appearance from a distance.

11. *Acacia melanoxylon* (Family: Fabaceae)

Young leaves may be bipinately compound whereas adult leaves are simple.

Tends to become a forest. Trees become very tall



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Few biggish ones seen from paths near dam wall, in between *Protea roupelliaes* on hill side north of the dam and other places. Small, youngish infestations <u>all over the</u>

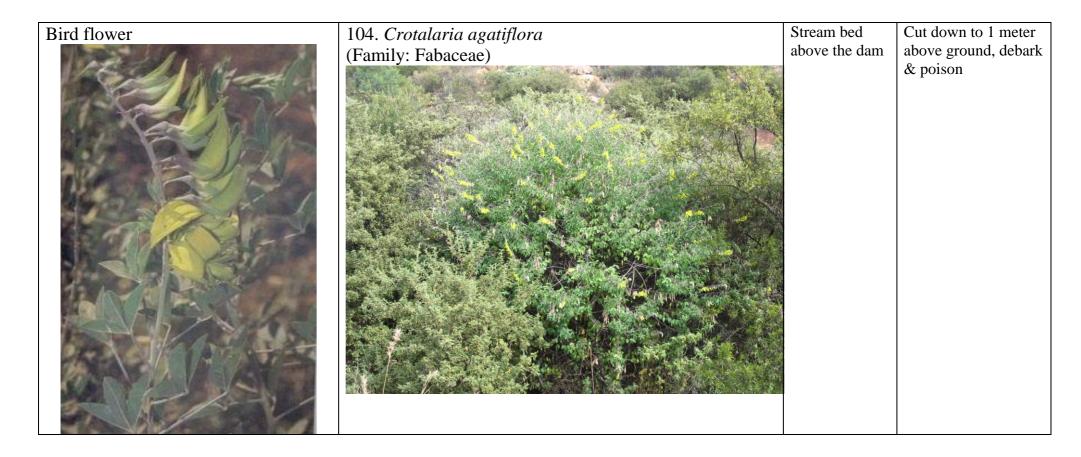
the power lines from Topaz gate north westerly direction

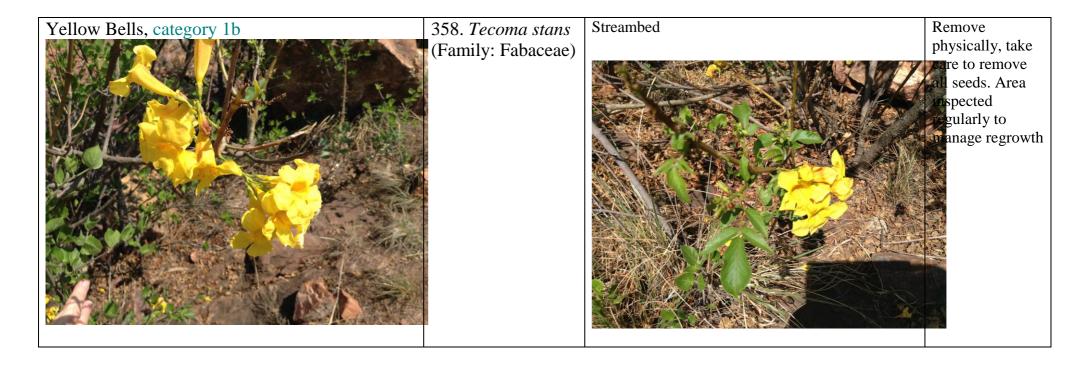
Cut & poison stumps

Spray Garlon poison mixed with dieseline onto bark of tree



Creamy pompom flowers, with firm leaves sticking out in between









vicious looking, coming out in pairs

305. Robinia pseudoacacia

(Family: Fabaceae)



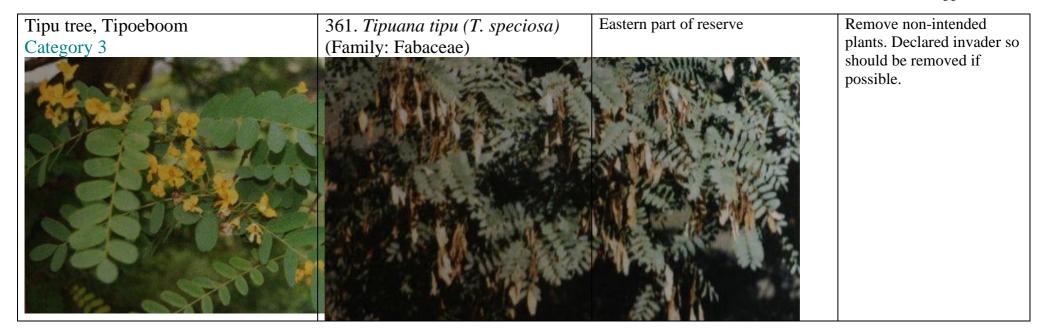
In older Robinia pseudoacacias the leaves are compound, thorns vicious even on stem.

Infestation found on north eastern border of reserve, bordering on neighbouring garden(s)

Low cut, insert horizontal cuts in stump, spray poison.
Follow up

http://www.invasives.org.z a/
Bromilow: "Physical removal requires care and persistence."

Simple leaves & compound leaves on the same bush





Young leaves are serrated

211. Melia azedarach (Family: Meliaceae) Yellow, toxic berries



Flowers with pleasant, quite strong smell, yellow fruit

Wetland, Southern side of reserve, near fence. Various places – next to paths, in riverbed

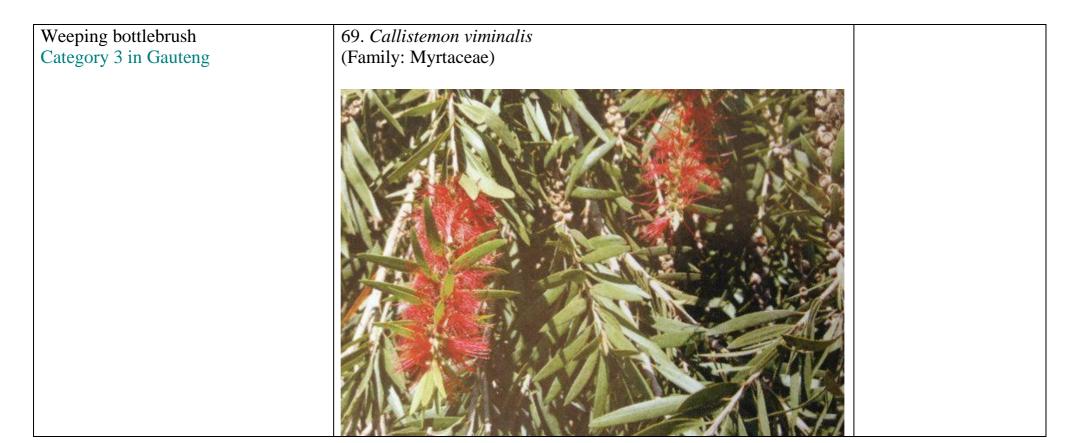


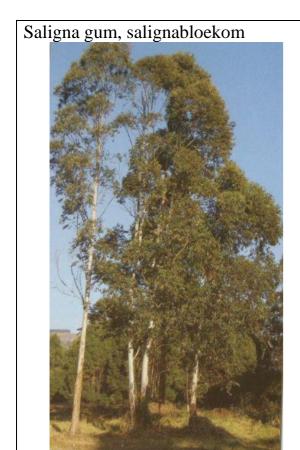
### Debark & spray

Tree to be cut down below ground level Triclopyr mixed with Diesel oil painted onto the stem immediately after cutting



Older leaves with slightly serrated or smooth margins





138. *Eucalyptus grandis* (Family: Myrtaceae)

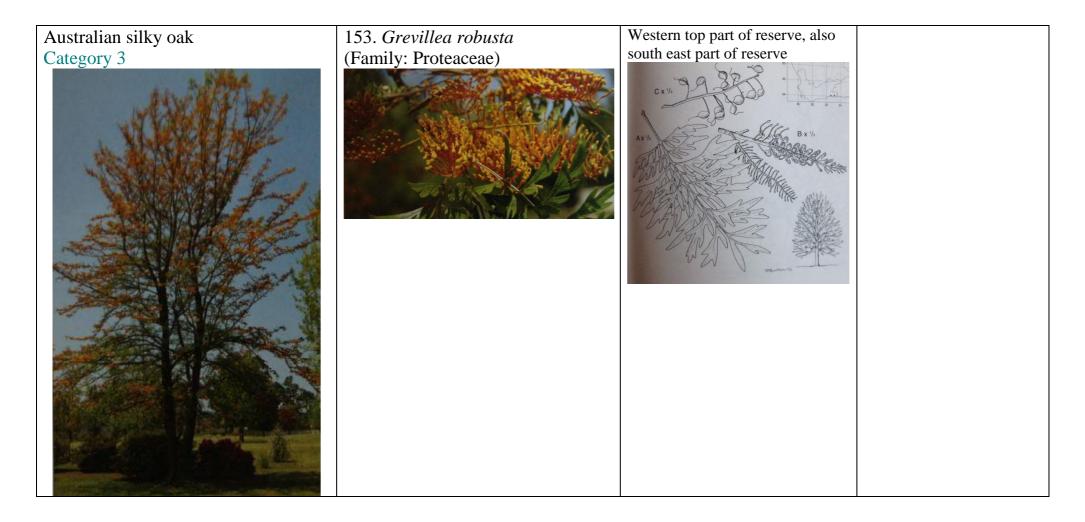


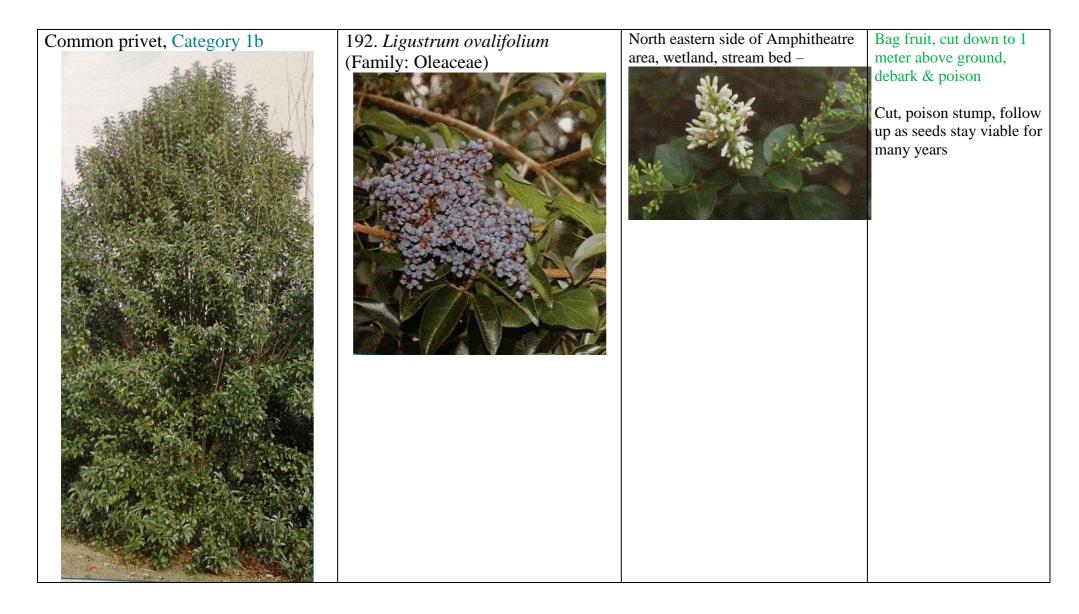
On ridge southern part of reserve and western boundary

Debark from 1 meter down to below ground. No poison

Cut trees should cut, stumps treated with suitable herbicide. Also soil, foliar, frill and aerial applications Seedlings sprayed or removed by hand, also susceptible to fire







Pine trees	275. Pinus patula & hybrids,	Western boundary	
Category 2	varieties & selections (Family: Pinaceae)	Debark from 1 meter down to belo Large plants can be ringbarked or registered for application to the so can be uprooted when the soil is n herbicide	felled and tebuthiuron is il. Seedlings and sapplings noist or treated with a
Silverleaf Cotoneaster Category 1b	99. Cotoneaster franchetii (Family: Rosaceae)  flowers	Next to path by dam wall and below dam wall  fruit	Bag fruit, cut & poison Pull out young plants. No slashing.
Black cherry, Category 1b	291. <i>Prunus serotina</i> (Family: Rosaceae)	In reserve, next to northern gate from amphitheatre into reserve	
Yellow fire thorn, geel brandoringbos Category 1b	297. Paracantha angustifolia (Family: Rosaceae)	Next to path to dam	

## Cestrum - Category 1b

Inkberry = bad name as *Phytolacca octandra* is also Inkberry, so we refer to this tree as "Cestrum"



88. *Cestrum laevigatum* (Family: Solanaceae)

Unripe berries and young shoots very poisonous!



Smelly leaves

Above little stream in forest above dam. Lots near fence at southern part of reserve. In forest along south-eastern part of Dassie Trail. Also in Solar Panel forest – near "Jacuzzi". Also in main stream bed above dam and in wetland

Debark before cutting. Spray cut stump at ground level

Herbicide is best method. Physical total removal of entire plant on account of vigorous regrowth Bug weed, Category 1b

339. *Solanum mauritianum* (Family: Solanaceae)

Very smelly leaves



Northern part of amphitheatre, wetland area, in the reserve adjacent to (coming from) private residences.

Bag fruit & seed
Cut down to ground level,
debark
With axe & spray
Pull out if plant is young

# NON LISTED INVASIVE PROBLEM PLANTS IN KLOOFENDAL RESERVE

CREEPERS & CLIMBERS

Zimbabwe creeper



Not a declared invasive weed, yet it is alien and very invasive, overrunning vegetation Podranea ricasoliana Family: Boraginaceae

Podranea ricasoliana has glossy foliage and large bunches of fragrant lilac-pink, trumpet-shaped flowers.

The name Podranea is an anagram of Pandorea, a closely related Australian genus, in which Podranea was first classified. Pandora means all-gifted. She was the first woman of Greek mythology and was given the box that contained all man's ills. When she opened it, they all flew out.

Creeper on northern side of wetland, bordering on gardens of neighbouring houses Pull out, dig out

Red /Climbing Sorrel, Climbing dock, Creeping dock, Rambling dock, Turkey rhubarb, Arrowhead vine, Potato vine,.

Status: Not declared invader, but it smothers native plants.

http://www.terrain.net.nz/friends-of-te-henui-group/weeds/climbing-dock.html

Rumex saggitatus/ Acetosa sagittata.

(Family: Polyganaceae)

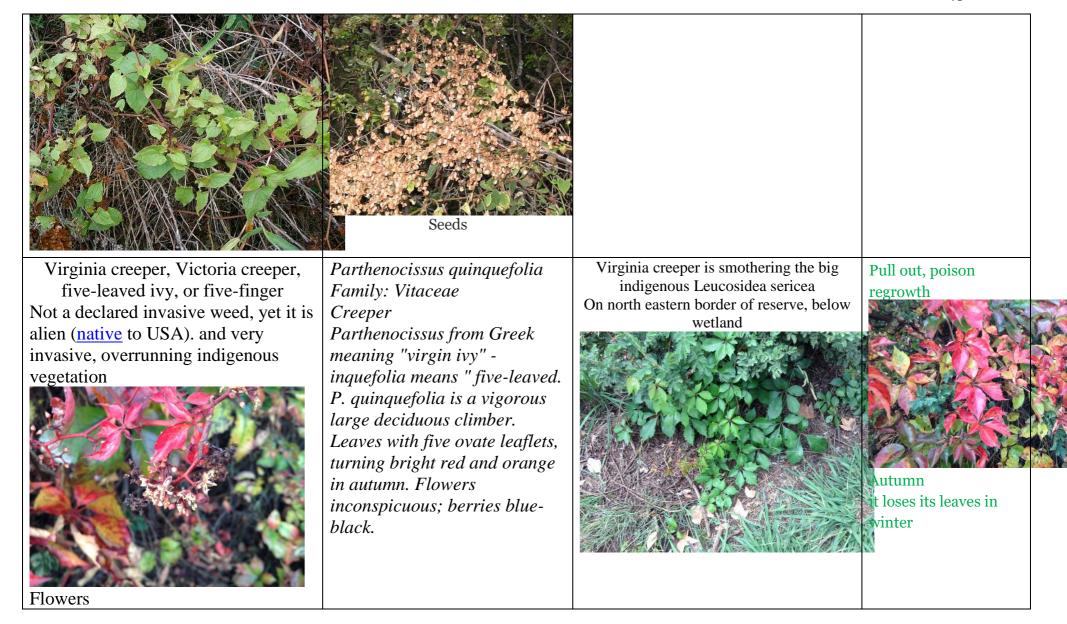
Climbing dock is a low climbing or scrambling herb which scrambles quickly over most plants to 3+ m high. It has a tuberous woody rootstock with extensive rhizomes.. Seeds are dispersed by the wind but *R. saggitatus* also spreads locally by creeping, rooting stems & extensive tubers.

Creeper near Thomas cottage & next to path towards dam. Covers other plants.



Fat tuber & rhizomes

Bag seed & <u>dig out</u>
<u>tubers</u>
Foliar spray – 2%
solution Round-up or
One shot (generic) –
not to use near water



### HERBS & SHRUBS

### 1. PLANTS WITH LOTS OF TROUBLESOME SEEDS

Forget-me-not Invasive problem weed- big problem in KD!



Cynoglossum lanceolatum (Family: Boraginaceae)

ID by Dr J. van Wyk from internet



Once burrs are there, bag seeds & flowers & pull out plants. No slashing. Cut off flowers before seeds/ burs appear Foliar spray on leaves



Van Wyk, J
Little blue flowers in summer, followed by horrible burs
(=fruits & seed)

Ronde klits – Burr weed Cyathula uncinulata In the wetland, below Bag seeds, dig out Dassie Rock, in the forest plants. An indigenous perennial weed with burs (Family:Amaranthaceae) Spray that contaminate hair & wool of animals No slashing. with consequent downgrading (Bromilow 1995) Very invasive bur in KD

Chaff flower, burweed grootklits, langklitskafblom	1	Next to path at north-eastern	Pull out – easy. Put
Perennial weed, unwanted plant (Bromilow 2010)	(Family:Amaranthaceae)	entrance into reserve, in	seeds in bag
Teremuat weed, unwanted plant (Bromitow 2010)	(Family:Amaranthaceae)	wetland	secus in bag

Cyathula cylindrical var. cylindrica
(Family:Amaranthaceae)

Bag seeds, dig out plants.
Spray
No slashing.

Van Wyk, J. Imaged list of Wild Flowers of Kloofendal Nature Reserve. 2015

Blackjacks	Bidens pilosa		Bag seeds & flowers &
Invasive alien weed	(Family: Asteraceae) Yellow flowers, prickly seeds which cling		pull out plants. No slashing.
	onto socks & clothes.		
	Troublesome weed – can host a fungus disease which can attack several crop plants		
Flax-leaf fleabane	Conyza bonariensis	In grassland near	Bag seeds & pull out.
Invasive alien annual weed from America	(Family: Asteraceae)	Thomas' cottage &	No slashing
with lots of seed		in wetland	



# PLENTIFUL INVADERS Tagetes minuta (Family: Asteraceae)

Khakibos

Invasive alien weed



Any disturbed area, usually together with Black jacks. It has a distinctive, strong smell

Bag seeds & flowers & pull out plants. No slashing.



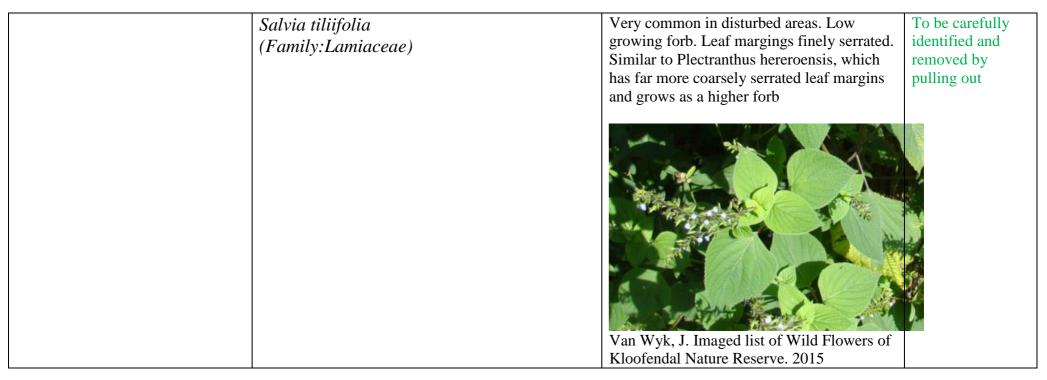
Klein kakibos, Dwarf
marigold
Weed from South America –
imported in fodder from South
America for British soldiers. Taints
milk of cattle who have eaten it.

Schkuhria pinnata
(Family: Asteraceae)

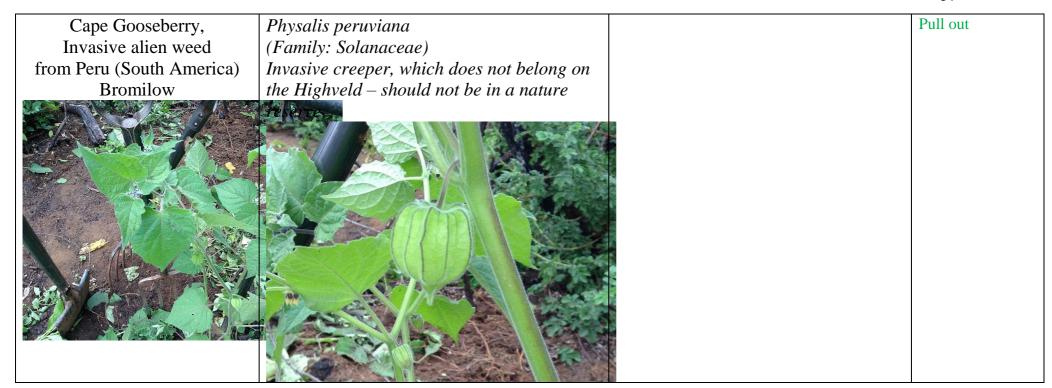
Open area, previously slashed, at entrance into wetland

Herbicides

Pull out
Herbicides



Spotted Knotweed	Polygonum lapathifolium/ Persicaria	In the dam growing from edges inwards, in	To remove
Widespread naturalised	lapathifolia	wetland	manually
weed, originally from Europe	(Family:Polygonaceae)		



Bankrupt bush, slangbos Not listed in South Africa's National Listed Invasive Species.

Bromilow described Bankrupt bush being a huge problem if it invades arid and semi-arid grasslands as it is unpalatable and reduces the carrying capacity there Seriphium plumosum/ Stoebe vulgaris (Family: Asteraceae)



Scattered throughout reserve. Was abundant in south-eastern part of the reserve. EPWP workers have recently physically removed many bushes there (September 2015)

Selective soil and foliar spray can be used during the active growth period (October to April).Salt can also be sprinkled at the base of each stem: it alters the salinity enough to inhibit growth. Thick infestations can be burned. regrowth sprayed and slashed. Follow-up treatments and the adoption of proper land management practices are critical factors for long-term control.

Zinnia – exotic annual weed	Zinnia peruviana	Along path in western lower part of reserve	Pull out & bag
	(Family: Asteraceae)		seeds Susceptible to conventional herbicides and cultivation during seedling stage.

Tropical Richardia, Alien invasive weed – can totally replace grass over large areas as is happening in KD amphitheatre lawn *Richardia braziliensis* (Family: Rubiaceae)

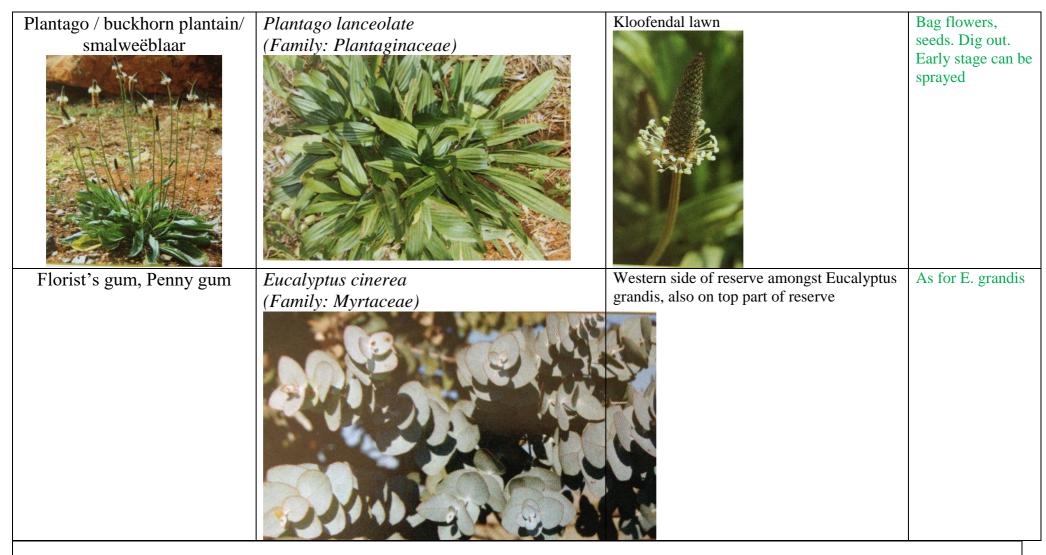
Creeper amongst the grass Different common names, e.g. paper thorn, Khaki weed, creeping chafweed Amphitheatre lawn and paths leading away from the amphitheatre
Pull out, dig out, use many "diggers"
Dave Kirkby: (i)Fertilise lawn to give grass strength to compete against weed

- (ii)Watering when needed
- (iii) Set lawnmower higher to allow grass to retain its nutrients (iv)Broadleaf herbicide



Prostrate globe amaranth	Gomphrena celosioides Family: Amaranthaceae Weak competitor, rarely requires chemical control	Kloofendal lawn	Seedlings easy to remove. Systemic herbicide once well established
Wonderlawn/ wonder grasperk	Dichondra micrantha Family: Convolvulaceae	Kloofendal lawn	Selective herbicides for use on lawns/ thorough continuous cultivation — remove all rhizomes
Paperthorn/ khakiweed/ kakiedubbeltjie	Alternanthera pungens Family: Amaranthaceae	Kloofendal lawn	

Red milkweed/ rooimelkkruid	Euphorbia hirta	Kloofendal lawn	Easy to remove with cultivation & is susceptible to conventional herbicides
Carrotweed	Guilleminea densa Family: Amaranthaceae	Kloofendal lawn	Difficult to remove by hand as it will regrow from roots left behind. Fertilise, then poison
Smooth creeping milkweed/ gladde kruipmelkkruid	Euphorbia inaequilatera Spreads to bare ground	Kloofendal lawn	Easy to remove by cultivation susceptible to conventional herbicides



# NEMBA- ALIEN AND INVASIVE SPECIES REGULATIONS (AIS) REGULATIONS

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### SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL LISTED INVASIVE SPECIES

Category 1a: Invasive species which must be combatted and eradicated. Any form of trade or planting is strictly prohibited.

Category 1b: Invasive species which must be controlled and wherever possible, removed and destroyed. Any form of trade or planting is strictly prohibited

Category 2: invasive species, or species deemed to be potentially invasive, in that a permit is required to carry out a restricted activity. Category 2 species include commercially important species such as pine, wattle and gum trees. Plants in riparian areas are Cat. 1b.

Category 3: Invasive species which may remain in prescribed areas or provinces. Further planting, propagation or trade, is however prohibited. Plants in a riparian area are Cat 1b