

# Declared Weeds in the Northern Territory

A declared weed is a plant or species of plant which has been identified for control, eradication, or prevention of entry in all or part of the Territory under the Northern Territory [Weeds Management Act](#) (the Act). A person may apply for a permit to use a declared weed under section 30 of the Act.

For information on how to identify and control weeds contact the Weed Management Branch on 08 8999 4567, or email [weedinfo@nt.gov.au](mailto:weedinfo@nt.gov.au).

New declarations, and the area to which they apply, are published in the Northern Territory Government Gazette. A weed may be declared as:

<b>Class A</b>	<b>To be eradicated</b>
<b>Class B</b>	<b>Growth and spread to be controlled</b>
<b>Class C</b>	<b>Not to be introduced to the Territory</b>

All Class A and Class B weeds are also considered to be Class C weeds.

For specific requirements of each class, refer to section 7(4) of the Act.

The lists of weeds that follow are currently declared in the Northern Territory. The last change to the declared lists occurred on the 20 December 2017. This document was last updated on the 5 January 2018.



Top left: Cabomba (Class A) is under eradication;  
 Top right: Gamba grass fire (Class A and B);  
 Bottom left: Parthenium (Class A) is a biosecurity threat and is eradicated upon detection;  
 Bottom right: Bellyache bush (Class A and B) affects both pastoral production and the environment.

**Class A** (all Class A weeds are also considered to be Class C weeds.)

Area to which declaration applies is all of the Northern Territory unless otherwise indicated. Area restrictions refer to all parts of the Northern Territory. Exceptions and clarifications to the species covered by the declaration are indicated by footnotes.

Botanical name	Common name	Area restriction
<a href="#"><i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i></a>	Alligator weed	
<a href="#"><i>Andropogon gyanus</i></a> *	Gamba grass*	Outside B zone
<a href="#"><i>Annona glabra</i></a>	Pond apple	
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Onion weed	
<a href="#"><i>Austrocylindropuntia</i> spp.</a>	Opuntoid cacti	
<i>Barleria prionitis</i>	Barleria	
<a href="#"><i>Cabomba</i> spp.</a>	Cabomba	
<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>	Bitou bush, boneseed	
<a href="#"><i>Cryptostegia</i> spp.</a>	Rubber vines	
<a href="#"><i>Cylindropuntia</i> spp.</a>	Opuntoid cacti, rope cacti	
<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Dalbergia	North of 18° S
<a href="#"><i>Datura ferox</i></a>	Longspine thornapple	
<a href="#"><i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i></a>	Cat's claw creeper	
Syn. <i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>		
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Paterson's curse	
<a href="#"><i>Eichhornia crassipes</i></a>	Water hyacinth	
<a href="#"><i>Hyparrhenia rufa</i></a>	Thatch grass	
<a href="#"><i>Jatropha curcas</i></a>	Physic nut	
<a href="#"><i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i></a> *	Bellyache bush*	Outside B zone
<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>	African boxthorn	
<a href="#"><i>Martynia annua</i></a>	Devil's claw	
<a href="#"><i>Mimosa pigra</i></a> *	Mimosa*	Outside B zone
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Parrot's feather	
<i>Nassella neesiana</i>	Chilean needle grass	
<a href="#"><i>Nassella tenuissima</i></a>	Mexican feather grass	
<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	Serrated tussock	
<a href="#"><i>Neptunia plena</i></a>	Water mimosa	
<i>Neptunia oleraceae</i>	Water mimosa	
<a href="#"><i>Opuntia</i> spp.</a>	Prickly pears	
<a href="#"><i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i></a>	Parthenium weed	
<i>Pereskia aculeata</i>	Leaf cactus	
<a href="#"><i>Prosopis</i> spp.</a>	Mesquite	
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Blackberry	
<a href="#"><i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i></a>	Sagittaria	
<i>Salix</i> spp. <sup>1</sup>	Willows <sup>1</sup>	
<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i> *	Brazilian pepper*	North of 18° S
<i>Senegalia catechu</i>	Cutch tree	
Syn. <i>Acacia catechu</i>		
<a href="#"><i>Tamarix aphylla</i></a>	Athel pine	Outside B zone
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	
<a href="#"><i>Vachellia nilotica</i></a>	Prickly acacia	
Syn. <i>Acacia nilotica</i>		
<a href="#"><i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i></a>	Chinee apple, Indian jujube	

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<sup>1</sup> Except *S. babylonica* (weeping willow), *S. X calodendron* (pussy willow) & *S. X reichardtiji* (sterile pussy willow).

**Class B** (all Class B weeds are also considered to be Class C weeds.)

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Area restrictions apply to parts of the Northern Territory.

Botanical name	Common name	Area restriction
<i>Acanthospermum hispidum</i>	Star burr, goat's head	
<a href="#"><i>Alternanthera pungens</i></a>	Khaki weed	
<a href="#"><i>Andropogon gayanus</i></a> *	Gamba grass*	Inside B zone
<a href="#"><i>Argemone ochroleuca</i></a>	Mexican poppy	
<a href="#"><i>Azadirachta indica</i></a>	Neem	
<a href="#"><i>Calotropis procera</i></a> *	Rubber bush*	South of 16°30' S
<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	Saffron thistle	
<i>Cenchrus echinatus</i>	Mossman River grass	
<a href="#"><i>Cenchrus polystachios</i></a>	Mission grass (perennial)	
Syn. <i>Pennisetum polystachion</i>		
<a href="#"><i>Cenchrus setaceus</i></a>	Fountain grass	
<i>Emex australis</i>	Spiny emex	
<a href="#"><i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i></a>	Olive hymenachne	
<i>Hyptis capitata</i>	Knob weed	
<a href="#"><i>Hyptis suaveolens</i></a>	Hyptis	
<a href="#"><i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i></a> *	Bellyache bush*	Inside B zone
<a href="#"><i>Lantana camara</i></a>	Common lantana	
<a href="#"><i>Lantana montevidensis</i></a>	Creeping lantana	
<i>Leonotis nepetifolia</i>	Lion's tail	
<a href="#"><i>Mimosa pigra</i></a> *	Mimosa*	Inside B zone
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Common sensitive plant	
<a href="#"><i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i></a>	Parkinsonia	
<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	Water lettuce	
<a href="#"><i>Ricinus communis</i></a>	Castor oil plant	
<a href="#"><i>Salvinia molesta</i></a>	Salvinia	
<a href="#"><i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i></a> *	Brazilian pepper*	South of 18° S
<a href="#"><i>Senna alata</i></a>	Candle bush	
<i>Senna obtusifolia</i>	Sicklepod	
<i>Senna occidentalis</i>	Coffee senna	
<i>Sida acuta</i>	Spinyhead sida	
<i>Sida cordifolia</i>	Flannel weed	
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i>	Paddy's lucerne	
<i>Stachytarpheta</i> spp.	Snake weeds	
<a href="#"><i>Tamarix aphylla</i></a>	Athel pine	Inside B zone
<a href="#"><i>Themeda quadrivalvis</i></a>	Grader grass	
<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>	Caltrop	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Caltrop	
<a href="#"><i>Xanthium strumarium</i></a>	Noogoora burr	
Syn. <i>Xanthium occidentale</i>		
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	Bathurst burr	

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**Class C only** (all Class A and Class B weeds are also considered to be Class C weeds.)

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<b>Botanical name</b>	<b>Common name</b>
<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	Creeping knapweed
<i>Ageratina riparia</i>	Mistflower
<i>Amaranthus dubius</i>	Chinese spinach
<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	Annual ragweed
<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	Perennial ragweed
<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>	Madeira vine
<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	Bridal creeper
<i>Asparagus scandens</i>	Asparagus fern
<i>Asparagus declinatus</i>	Bridal veil
<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i>	Ground asparagus
<i>Asparagus africanus</i>	Climbing asparagus
<i>Asparagus plumosus</i>	Climbing asparagus Fern
Syn. <i>Asparagus setaceus</i>	
<i>Austroeupatorium inulaefolium</i>	Austroeupatorium
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Groundsel bush
<i>Boerhavia erecta</i>	Erect spiderling
<i>Brachiaria paspaloides</i>	Common signal grass
<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	Siam weed
<i>Clidemia hirta</i>	Koster's curse
<i>Coix aquatica</i>	Job's tears
<i>Croton hirtus</i>	Hairy croton
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom
<a href="#"><u>Datura spp.</u></a>	Thornapples
<i>Digitaria fuscescens</i>	Common crabgrass
<i>Digitaria insularis</i>	Sourgrass
<i>Diodia sarmentosa</i>	Tropical buttonweed
<i>Echinochloa glabrescens</i>	Barnyard grass
<i>Echinochloa stagnina</i>	Burgu millet
<i>Egeria densa</i>	Dense waterweed
<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Canadian pondweed
<i>Equisetum</i> spp. <sup>2</sup>	Horsetails <sup>2</sup>
<i>Eriocaulon truncatum</i>	Short pipewort
<i>Eriocereus martinii</i>	Harrisia cactus
<i>Eriochloa polystachya</i>	Carib grass
<i>Fimbristylis umbellaris</i>	Globular fimbristylis
<i>Genista linifolia</i>	Flax-leaved broom
<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	Montpellier broom
<i>Hybanthus attenuatus</i>	Western greenviolet
<i>Hyptis brevipes</i>	Lesser roundweed
<i>Ischaemum timorense</i>	Centipede grass

<sup>2</sup> All including *E. ramosissimum*.

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## Class C (continued)

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Kochia scoparia</i> <sup>3</sup> Syn. <i>Bassia scoparia</i> <sup>3</sup>	Burning bush <sup>3</sup>
<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	Lagarosiphon
<i>Leptochloa chinensis</i>	Red sprangletop, feathergrass
<i>Leptochloa panicea</i>	Sprangletop
<a href="#"><u><i>Limnobium laevigatum</i></u></a>	Amazon frogbit
<a href="#"><u><i>Limnocharis flava</i></u></a>	Yellow burrhead, yellow sawah lettuce
<i>Miconia</i> spp.	Velvet tree
<i>Mikania cordata</i>	Heartleaf hempvine
<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	Mikania, mile-a-minute
<i>Mimosa invisa</i>	Giant sensitive plant
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil
<i>Orobanche</i> spp. <sup>4</sup>	Broomrapes <sup>4</sup>
<i>Paederia foetida</i>	Lesser Malayan stinkwort
<i>Piper aduncum</i>	Spiked pepper
<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i>	Downy rose myrtle
<i>Rotala indica</i>	Indian toothcup
<i>Sacciolepis interrupta</i>	Cupscale grass
<i>Salvinia cucullata</i>	Salvinia
<i>Salvinia natans</i>	Salvinia
<i>Schoenoplectus juncooides</i>	Rock bulrush
<i>Scirpus maritimus</i> Syn. <i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	Sea clubrush
<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i>	Fireweed
<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	Silver leaf nightshade
<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Johnson grass
<i>Spermacoce mauritiana</i> Syn. <i>Spermacoce exilis</i>	Pacific false buttonweed
<i>Striga</i> spp. <sup>5</sup>	Witchweeds <sup>5</sup>
<i>Trapa</i> spp.	Floating water chestnuts
<i>Xanthium</i> spp.	Burrs

<sup>3</sup> All subsp. except subsp. *trichophylla*.

<sup>4</sup> All except *O. minor* and *O. cernua* var. *australiana*.

<sup>5</sup> All non-indigenous, including *S. angustifolia* and *S. asiatica*.