

Parthenium *Parthenium hysterophorus*

Declaration

Regional priority weed objective: Prevention

These weeds are not currently found in the state, or are present in small numbers, pose significant biosecurity risk and prevention is a reasonably practical objective.

Thinking of buying hay or fodder?

Hay and fodder brings weeds onto your property. Some of these weeds are harmless, however, sometimes the weeds that are travelling in hay are amongst the worst offenders.



Check where your hay is coming from

Do **NOT** buy from areas where Parthenium weed is growing. Parthenium is a Prevention weed and Prohibited in NSW. It is one of our region's most serious weed biosecurity threats. It is highly invasive and we must keep it out of our region.

Description

Parthenium is a significant pest weed in central Queensland. The plant usually grows 1–2m high, with deeply-lobed leaves that are pale green and covered with soft, fine hair. Flowers are creamy-white, 4-6mm, arranged in clusters, have five small petals and occur at the tips of the stems.

Do not touch

Parthenium causes severe allergic reactions and adverse health impacts. It can cause serious respiratory problems, severe dermatitis and is toxic to livestock, causing tainted meat and milk.



Seen it?



Snap it.



Send it!

How you can help

Contact your local Weed Biosecurity Officer if you suspect you have seen Parthenium on the Far North Coast.

Call (02) 6623 3800
or go to rous.nsw.gov.au/report-a-weed



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