

Giant devil's fig

(*Solanum chrysotrichum*)

Regional priority weed objective: Containment

Originating in Central America and believed to have been introduced to the Far North Coast of New South Wales around 1980, Giant devil's fig has since been spread by birds and bats to become increasingly widespread on the North Coast.



- Description:** Giant devil's fig is an erect perennial shrub up to 4m high.
- Leaves:** Large leaves with 7-13 lobes divide halfway up.
- Flowers:** Star-shaped and hairy on the outer surface. Autumn through to spring.
- Fruit:** Globular fruit, yellow to yellow-orange when mature.
- Dispersal:** Spread by mammals, birds and bats.
- Habitat:** Naturalising in disturbed habitats, creek banks, forests and riparian areas – a serious threat to native vegetation.

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Declaration and control

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These weeds are widely distributed in parts of this region. While broadscale elimination is not practical, minimisation of the biosecurity risk posed by these weeds is reasonably practicable.



Control options

Mechanical control:	Young seedlings can be manually removed. Take care and wear gloves as thorns point downwards. Larger plants can be cut down and the roots grubbed out.		
Chemical control:	Consult APVMA permits 9907 and 12942 on the links below for detailed information on the rates and methods of control as listed. http://permits.apvma.gov.au/PER9907.PDF http://permits.apvma.gov.au/PER12942.PDF		
	Chemical	Rate	Comments
PER9907	Glyphosate 360g/L Various trade names	1 part per 1.5 parts of water. 200mL per 10L of water.	Stem injection/cut stump application. Foliar application for seedlings.
PER12942	Grazon Extra®	350-500mL/100L	Spot spray.
	Picloram 45g/kg Vigilant®	Undiluted	Cut stump/stem injection application. Apply a 3-5mm layer of gel for stems less than 20mm. Apply 5mm layer on larger stems.

Similar weeds in the Solanum family:



Wild tobacco
(*Solanum mauritianum*)



Devil's apple
(*Solanum capsicoides*)



Tropical soda apple
(*Solanum viarum*)



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