

ISSAC'S PRIORITY WEEDS IDENTIFICATION TABLE

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RATS TAIL GRASSES



Tussock grass. Large seed heads on tall, stiff stalks. Many tiny, sticky seeds, easily spread on vehicles, clothes and equipment. **Avoid driving over, walking through, high-pressure spraying and slashing.**

SALVINIA (AQUATIC)



Spongy, folded leaves in pairs along the stems. Forms a floating mat on water. Leaves have long, stiff hairs. Long roots look like wet human hair.

BELLYACHE BUSH



Young leaves purple, 3 sections.
Old leaves, bright green, 5 sections with coarse, brown hairs. Small red flowers with yellow centres.
Ribbed, cherry size seed pods.

RUBBER VINE



Climbing vine or bush. Whip-like shoots. White milky sap. Funnel shaped purple/white flowers, 5 petals. Pairs of seed pods, back-to-back at the tip of some stems. Bark dotted with cork patches.
Leaves in pairs on stem.

BROADLEAVED PEPPER TREE



Tree with 5-9 broad, dark leaves per stem. Fruit ripen green to red, roughly blueberry size. Tiny white flowers. **Crushed leaves smell like pepper.**

PARTHENIUM



Herb up to 2m. Pale leaves and stems. Fine soft hairs. Tiny, creamy white flowers at tips of stems.

ATHEL PINE



Woody tree. Small white / pale pink flowers at tips of branches. Needle shaped leaves have sections 1-2mm long. Tiny bell shape fruit. Visually similar to native she-oaks.

CHINEE APPLE



Zig-zag branches with 1 leaf and 1 thorn at each angle. Yellow/orange cherry size fruit. Unpleasant smelling. Tiny greenish flowers.

PARKINSONIA



Tree/shrub. Thin, green stems, thorns, yellow flower with 5 petals. Lumpy, pencil shaped seed pods

PRICKLY ACACIA



Large, lumpy, grey seed pods. Large thorns. Fine, fern like leaves. Yellow ball shaped flower.

WATER LETTUCE (AQUATIC)



Floating weed mat. Like a small head of lettuce. Fan shaped, spongy leaves with many hairs. Fine, long roots.

CASTOR OIL PLANT



Small-medium shrub. Leaves have 7-9 sections with a serrated edge. Cherry size fruit with green spines or red hairs once opened. Typically found around water in sandy soil. **HIGHLY TOXIC.**

HYMENACHNE (AQUATIC)



Large aquatic grass, up to 3m. **Leaves wrap around the stems.** Long dense seed head.

MIMOSA BUSH



Similar to Prickly Acacia. Seed pods tubelike, **smooth**, blackening

LANTANA



Strong distinct smell. Small spines on stems. Forms dense thickets. Many flower colours. Furry leaves, black berry.

LEUCAENA



Medium shrub, large, flat, **soft seed pods**. Creamy ball shaped flowers.

MOTHER OF MILLIONS



Blotchy, green succulent. Orange/red drooping flowers. 'Teeth' at tips of stems.

CAPTAIN COOK TREE



Shrub. Yellow funnel shape flowers, 5 petals. Milky sap. Green fruit, dries to black.

HARRISIA CACTUS



Stems have triangle shaped humps. Large spines. Red fruit. Large white flowers usually closed during the day.

PRICKLY PEAR



(OPUNTIA SPP. OTHER THAN O.FICUS-INDICA)
Cacti with flattened paddle shaped segments. Sharp spines. Large brightly coloured flowers and fruits