

# WEEDS of the Mornington Peninsula

## Common Garden and Agricultural Plants that are Environmental Weeds in the Mornington Peninsula Shire



WEEDS ARE THE MAJOR THREAT TO OUR:

- COASTAL RESERVES & WATERWAYS
- HOME GARDENS
- ROADSIDES
- BUSHLAND RESERVES
- FARMLAND

### GRASSES AND HERBS



**African Love Grass** *Eragrostis curvula*  
 Flowering Time: All year  
 Seeding Time: All year  
 Control Time: All year



**Agapanthus** *Agapanthus praecox* ssp. *orientalis*  
 Flowering Time: Early Summer  
 Seeding Time: Late Summer - early Autumn  
 Control Time: All year



**Angled Onion** *Allium triquetrum*  
 Flowering Time: Winter - Spring  
 Seeding Time: Late Spring - Summer  
 Control Time: April - August



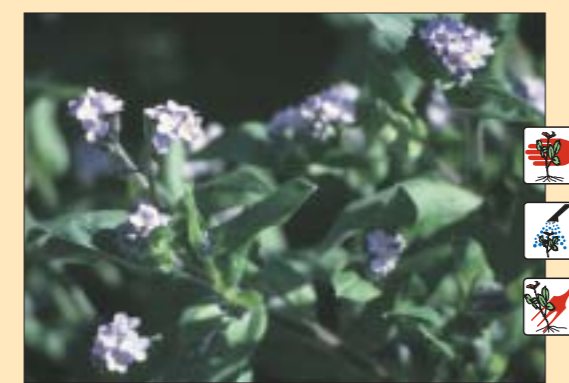
**Arum Lily** *Zantedeschia aethiopica*  
 Flowering Time: Late winter - early Spring  
 Seeding Time: Late Spring - early Summer  
 Control Time: All year



**Bulbil Watsonia** *Watsonia meriana* var. *bulbillifera*  
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer but doesn't flower until its 3rd year  
 Seeding Time: Summer - early Autumn spreads from stem bulbils and underground corms  
 Control Time: May - October



**Creeping Buttercup** *Ranunculus repens*  
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
 Seeding Time: late Summer  
 Control Time: All year



**Forget-me-not** *Myosotis sylvatica*  
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
 Seeding Time: late Spring - Summer  
 Control Time: All year



**Gazania** *Gazania linearis*, *Gazania rigens*  
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
 Seeding Time: spreads vegetatively and by seed  
 Control Time: All year



**Kikuyu Grass** *Pennisetum clandestinum*  
 Flowering Time: rarely flowers except cultivated varieties in Summer, Reproduction by running shoot  
 Control Time: September - February



**Montbretia** *Crocsmia x crocosmiflora*  
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
 Seeding Time: Autumn Also reproduces by corms  
 Control Time: August - September



**Pampas Grass** *Cortaderia* species  
 Flowering Time: Summer - Autumn  
 Seeding Time: Winter - Spring  
 Control Time: All year



**Panic Veldt Grass** *Ehrharta erecta*  
 Flowering Time: All year  
 Seeding Time: All year  
 Control Time: All year



**Paterson's Curse** *Echium plantagineum*  
 Flowering Time: Spring - early Summer  
 Seeding Time: Summer  
 Control Time: September - October



**Quaking Grass** *Briza maxima*  
 Flowering Time: Winter - Spring  
 Seeding Time: Spring - early Summer  
 Control Time: June - September



**Shade Crassula** *Crassula multicaeva*  
 Flowering Time: Winter - Spring  
 Seeding Time: Spring - Summer  
 Control Time: All year



**Spear Thistle** *Cirsium vulgare*  
 Flowering Time: Winter  
 Seeding Time: Spring  
 Control Time: April - December



**St John's Wort** *Hypericum perforatum*  
 Flowering Time: Summer  
 Seeding Time: Autumn - Spring  
 Control Time: September - November



**Sweet Vernal Grass** *Anthoxanthum odoratum*  
 Flowering Time: All year  
 Seeding Time: All year  
 Control Time: Winter - Spring

### TREES



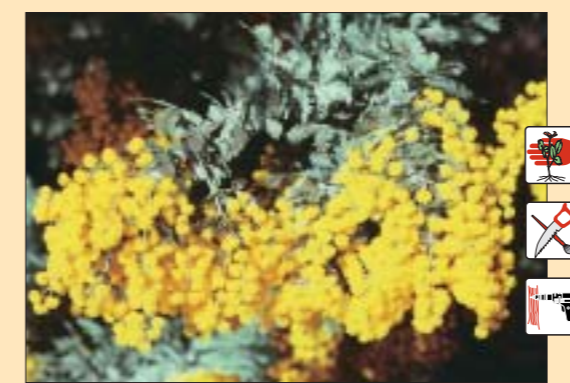
**Cape Wattle** *Paraserianthes lophantha*  
 Flowering Time: Winter  
 Seeding Time: pods in Summer  
 Control Time: June - All year



**Cedar Wattle** *Acacia elata*  
 Flowering Time: Summer  
 Seeding Time: pods in Autumn - early Winter  
 Control Time: All year



**Cluster Pine** *Pinus pinaster*  
 Control Time: All year



**Cootamundra Wattle** *Acacia baileyana*  
 Flowering Time: Winter  
 Seeding Time: pods in Spring - Summer  
 Control Time: All year



**Desert Ash** *Fraxinus angustifolia*  
 Flowering Time: Spring  
 Seeding Time: Summer  
 Control Time: September - April



**Tree of Heaven** *Ailanthus altissima*  
 Flowering Time: Spring  
 Seeding Time: Summer  
 Control Time: September - April



**Early Black Wattle** *Acacia decurrens*  
 Flowering Time: late Winter - early Spring  
 Seeding Time: pods in Summer  
 Control Time: All year



**Karamu** *Coprosma robusta*  
 Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
 Seeding Time: Summer - Winter  
 Control Time: All year



**Monterey Pine** *Pinus radiata*  
 Control Time: All year



**Sweet Pittosporum** *Pittosporum undulatum*  
 Flowering Time: early Spring  
 Seeding Time: Autumn - Winter  
 Control Time: All year



**Willows** *Salix* species  
 Flowering Time: Spring  
 Seeding Time: Summer  
 Control Time: September - April



**Cherry Plum** *Prunus cerasifera*  
 Flowering Time: Winter - Spring  
 Seeding Time: red, yellow or purple fruit in Summer  
 Control Time: September - April

### WEED CONTROL TECHNIQUES

- Remove by hand
- Cut stem and paint with herbicide
- Drill and Fill with herbicide
- Overspray with herbicide
- Dig out

Removal of "Tree" and "Shrub" weeds in this brochure may require a Planning Permit. Check with the Shire Offices on 5986 0176. You do not require a planning permit to remove noxious weeds.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP CONTROL WEEDS

- Identify, then gradually control weeds in your garden, farm property and road frontage.
- Keep grazing animals out of remnant bushland.
- Remove weed seed heads, place in bags and dispose of safely in a bin.
- When removing weeds with mature seeds, avoid dislodging seeds onto the ground.
- If uncertain of weed identification and how to control weeds, seek advice. (see list of contacts overleaf)
- Don't dump weeds, garden waste or soil outside your land. Use Shire waste collection points.
- Consider planting suitable indigenous plants on your land. Information on where you can purchase indigenous plants is available from Shire offices.
- Recognise weeds and don't buy them.
- Avoid disturbance to soil surfaces, as this encourages weeds and causes erosion.
- Look for weeds growing from mulch and remove them.
- Minimise bringing soil into your garden or land.
- Don't dump pond and aquarium plants and fish in our waterways.
- When considering herbicide use, always follow the advice on the label.
- Clean off weed seeds from vehicles, mowers and slashing machinery before moving sites.

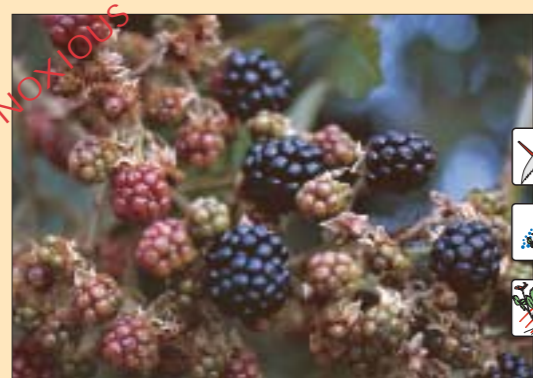


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## SHRUBS



**Berry-flower Heath** *Erica baccans*  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Seeding Time: Spring - Summer  
Control Time: All year



**Blackberry** *Rubus fruticosus* spp. agg.  
Flowering Time: Early Summer  
Seeding Time: Berries ripen in late Summer - early Autumn  
Control Time: October - April



**Boneseed** *Chrysanthemoides monilifera*  
Flowering Time: Winter - Spring  
Seeding Time: Summer  
Control Time: March - April



**Boxthorn** *Lycium ferocissimum*  
Flowering Time: only flowers in 2nd year of growth, usually Summer  
Seeding Time: Throughout the year  
Control Time: All year



**Bracelet Honey-Myrtle** *Melaleuca armillaris*  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Seeding Time: Summer  
Control Time: All year



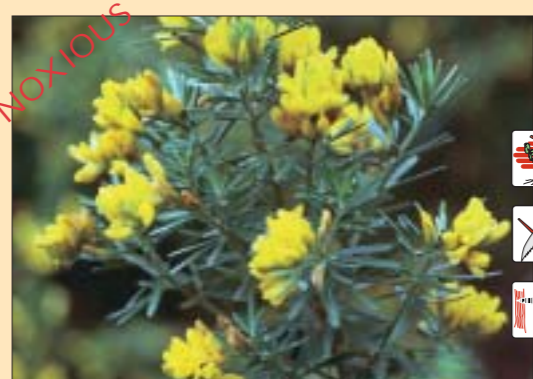
**Cape Broom** *Genista monspessulana*  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Seeding Time: Pods in Summer  
Control Time: June - November



**Cotoneaster** *Cotoneaster* species  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Seeding Time: Red berries in late Summer - Autumn  
Control Time: All year



**English Broom** *Cytisus scoparius*  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Seeding Time: Pods in Summer  
Control Time: All year



**Flax-leaf Broom** *Genista linifolia*  
Flowering Time: Winter - Spring  
Seeding Time: Pods in Summer  
Control Time: October - December



**Gorse** *Ulex europaeus*  
Flowering Time: Sporadic all year, but predominately in Spring  
Seeding Time: Predominately Summer  
Control Time: All year



**Hawthorn** *Crataegus monogyna*  
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
Seeding Time: Autumn - Winter  
Control Time: September - April



**Ink Weed** *Phytolacca octandra*  
Flowering Time: All year  
Seeding Time: All year  
Control Time: All year



**Italian Buckthorn** *Rhamnus alternus*  
Flowering Time: Summer - Autumn  
Seeding Time: Autumn - Winter  
Control Time: All year



**Mirror Bush** *Copsma repens*  
Flowering Time: Late Spring - early Summer  
Seeding Time: Late Summer - early Autumn  
Control Time: All year



**Myrtle-leaf Milkwort** *Polygala myrtifolia*  
Flowering Time: Flowers all year but mostly in Winter - Spring  
Seeding Time: Summer  
Control Time: All year



**Ragwort** *Senecio jacobaea*  
Flowering Time: October - March but damaged plants may flower anytime  
Seeding Time: All year  
Control Time: All year



**Sallow Wattle** *Acacia longifolia*  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Seeding Time: pods in Summer  
Control Time: All year



**Spanish Heath** *Erica lusitanica*  
Flowering Time: Winter - Spring  
Seeding Time: Winter - Spring  
Control Time: All year



**Sweet Hakea** *Hakea drupacea* (formerly *suaevolens*)  
Flowering Time: Winter  
Seeding Time: nuts open in Summer  
Control Time: All year

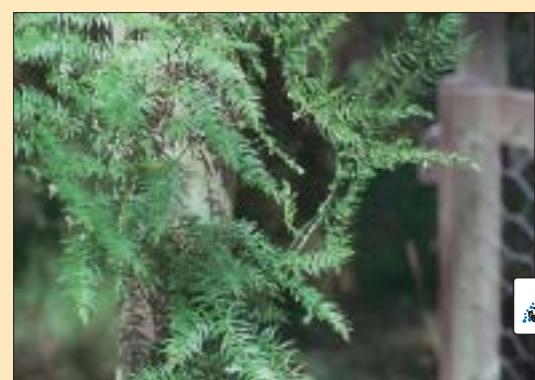


**Tree Lucerne** *Chamaecytisus palmensis*  
Flowering Time: Winter - Spring  
Seeding Time: pods in Summer  
Control Time: All year



**Willow Hakea** *Hakea salicifolia*  
Flowering Time: Late Spring  
Seeding Time: nuts open at any time of year given appropriate environmental conditions  
Control Time: All year

## CLIMBERS AND CREEPERS



**Asparagus Fern** *Asparagus scandens*  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Seeding Time: orange berries in Summer  
Control Time: All year



**Banana Passionfruit** *Passiflora mollissima*  
Flowering Time: Autumn  
Seeding Time: Winter - Summer  
Control Time: All year



**Blue Periwinkle** *Vinca major*  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Vegetative reproduction only, rarely seeds  
Control Time: All year



**Bluebell Creeper** *Sollya heterophylla*  
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
Seeding Time: Autumn - Winter  
Control Time: August - February



**Bridal Creeper** *Asparagus asparagoides*  
Flowering Time: Spring  
Seeding Time: Summer  
Control Time: June - October



**Cape Ivy** *Delairea odorata*  
Flowering Time: late Autumn - Winter  
Seeding Time: early Spring  
Control Time: All year



**Climbing Dock** *Acetosa sagittata*  
Flowering Time: Autumn - Winter  
Seeding Time: Spring  
Control Time: All year



**Climbing Groundsel** *Senecio angulatus*  
Flowering Time: Winter  
Seeding Time: Spring  
Control Time: All year



**Dolichos** *Dipogon lignosus*  
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
Seeding Time: Summer  
Control Time: All year



**English Ivy** *Hedera helix*  
Flowering Time: Late Autumn - Winter  
Seeding Time: berries in Winter - Spring  
Control Time: All year



**Morning Glory** *Ipomoea indica*  
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
Vegetative reproduction only  
Control Time: All year



**Japanese Honeysuckle** *Lonicera japonica*  
Flowering Time: Spring - Summer  
Seeding Time: black berries in Summer - Autumn  
Control Time: All year



**Wandering Tradescantia** *Tradescantia fluminensis*  
Flowering Time: Summer  
Vegetative reproduction only  
Control Time: All year



**Madeira Vine** *Anredera cordifolia*  
Flowering Time: Autumn - Winter  
Seeding Time: Spring  
Control Time: All year

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

### WEED IDENTIFICATION

- Mornington Peninsula Shire Service Centres  
The Conservation Officers  
Tel. 5986 0200  
Website: [www.mornpen.vic.gov.au](http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au)
- Your local reserve Friends Group members (see the Shire Information Directory)
- Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE)  
Website: [www.nre.vic.gov.au](http://www.nre.vic.gov.au)

### WANT MORE INFORMATION ?

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Publisher: Department of Conservation and Environment and Ecological Horticulture P/L
- Noxious Weeds of Australia (Second Edition 2001)  
W.T Parsons and E.G. Cuthbertson  
Publisher: CSIRO Publishing, Melbourne
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