

Seen this plant? Bridal creeper

Asparagus asparagoides



How does this weed affect us?

Bridal creeper is a smothering vine that:

- Forms thick tuberous root mats in the soil profile.
- Smothers native ground covers and shrubs.
- Reduces food/habitat for native fauna.
- Prevents germination of native seedlings.
- Reduces yields in fruit bearing trees.
- Increases disease in orchard trees (reduced air-flow).

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Cootamundra-Gundagai
Biosecurity Officer:

1300 459 689

NSW DPI Biosecurity
Helpline:

1800 680 244

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For control and biosecurity information visit NSW WeedWise:

weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/BridalCreeper



Where are you likely to find it?

Bridal creeper has been found in coastal regions in NSW from Port Macquarie to the Victorian border. It is also common in the Central Tablelands, Central West, Riverina and Murray regions. Bridal creeper grows in subtropical and cool to warm temperate climates. It requires at least 350 mm of rain per year. However, once the tubers develop it can tolerate droughts. It also tolerates frosts. Plants mostly grow in part or full shade.

What does it look like?

Bridal creeper is a climbing perennial plant that grows during autumn and winter. It dies back over summer or when conditions are very dry. Leaves are green and shiny; oval shaped with a distinct pointed tip. Leaves are arranged alternately along thin and twisting stems. Flowers present in winter/spring and are greenish-white with a tubular appearance. The fruit are small round berries with 2-3 seeds that mature from green through to a red. Fruiting bodies are sticky. The root system is extensive and consists of numerous tubers which have rhizomes near the soil surface. Birds are a common vector of viable seed contained within the fruit however soil disturbance and dumping of root fragments can also facilitate spread.



All of NSW – General Biosecurity Duty

All pest plants are regulated with a general biosecurity duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise any biosecurity risk they may pose. Any person who deals with any plant, who knows (or ought to know) of any biosecurity risk, has a duty to ensure the risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised, so far as is reasonably practicable.

Prohibition on certain dealings:

Must not be imported into the state, sold, bartered, exchanged or offered for sale.



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