

THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEDS OF THE AUSTRALIAN STATES

AN ANALYSIS OF THE GRADINGS OF THE STATE WEEDS CO-ORDINATION

COMMITTEES

At meetings of the State Weeds Co-ordination Committees held in each of the Australian States, the following weeds were placed in Category 1 as regards importance. Category 1 weeds are those which constitute serious problems because of their actual or potential distribution, harmful effects and/or difficulty in eradication. The letter A indicates weeds at present widely distributed and B denotes weeds of restricted but potential wide distribution.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Q'd	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas
Clockweed	<i>Gaura parviflora</i>	B	-	-	-	-	-
Nut-grass	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	A	-	-	-	-	-
Mintweed	<i>Salvia reflexa</i>	A	-	-	-	-	-
Noogoora Burr	<i>Xanthium pungens</i>	A	-	-	-	-	-
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	A	-	-	-	-	-
Groundsel Bush	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	B	-	-	-	-	-
Bulbous Oat Grass	<i>Arrenatherum avenaceum</i> var. <i>bulbosum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	A
Bracken Fern	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	A	-	A	-	A	-
Skeleton Weed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	-	A	B	B	-	-
Blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	-	-	A	-	-	A
Nasella Tussock	<i>Nasella trichotoma</i>	-	B	-	-	-	-
Sticky Agrimony	<i>Eupatorium adenophorum</i>	B	B	-	-	-	-
Mist Flower	<i>Eupatorium riparium</i>	-	A	-	-	-	-
Crownbeard	<i>Verbescina encelioides</i>	-	A	-	-	-	-
Galvanized Burr	<i>Bassia birchii</i>	-	A	-	-	-	-
Cape Tulips	<i>Homeria collina</i> <i>Homeria miniata</i>	-	-	A	A	A	-
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	-	A	A	B	B	-
Hoary Cress	<i>Cardaria draba</i>	-	-	A	A	B	A
Ward's Weed	<i>Vella annua</i>	-	-	-	B	-	-
Innocent Weed	<i>Cenchrus tribuloides</i>	-	-	-	B	-	-
False Caper	<i>Euphorbia terracina</i>	-	-	-	A	-	-
Onion-weed	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	-	-	-	A	-	-
Camel-thorn	<i>Alhagi camelorum</i>	-	-	-	B	-	-
Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	-	-	A	B	-	-
Field Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	-	-	-	-	B	-
Afghan Thistle	<i>Solanum hystrix</i>	-	-	-	-	A	-
African Thistle	<i>Berkheya rigida</i>	-	-	-	-	B	-

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Common Name	Botanical Name	Qld	NSW	Vic	SA	WA	Tas	
Spiny Emex	<i>Emex australis</i>	-	-	-	-	A	-	
Water Hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	-	-	-	-	B	-	
Bathurst Burr	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	-	-	-	-	A	-	
Perennial Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	-	-	-	-	-	B	
Saffron Thistle	<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	-	-	-	A	A	-	
Mesquite	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	-	-	-	-	A	-	
Caltrop	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	-	-	-	-	A	-	
Fireweed	<i>Senecio lautus</i>	-	B	-	-	-	-	
Prairie Ground Cherry	<i>Physalis lanceolata</i>	-	-	A	-	-	-	
Soursob	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	-	-	-	A	-	-	
Soldier Thistle	<i>Picnomon acarna</i>	-	-	-	B	-	-	
State Totals		-	8	7	8	13	13	4
Total number of Category 1 Weeds		-	39					

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Category II weeds are those which constitute slightly less serious research problems than the first group. The letter A indicates weeds at present widely distributed and B denotes weeds of restricted but potential wide distribution.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Q	ld	NSW	V	SA	WA	Tas
Galvanized Burr	Bassia birchii	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Spear Grass	Aristida leptopoda	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rubber Vine	Cryptostegia grandiflora	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Narrow-leaved carpet grass	Axonopus affinis	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blady Grass	Imperata clyindrica var. major	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bathurst Burr	Xanthium spinosum	A	A	A	A	-	-	-
Hemlock	Conium maculatum	B	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burr Ragweed	Franseria sp.	B	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hoary Cress	Cardaria draba	B	B	-	-	-	-	-
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	B	B	B	A	-	B	-
Knapweed	Centaurea repens	B	-	-	-	-	-	-
Giant Sensitive Plant	Mimosa invisa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnson Grass	Sorghum halepense	B	B	-	-	-	-	-
Lantana	Lantana camara	-	A	-	-	-	-	-
Blackberry	Rubus fruticosus	-	A	-	B	A	-	-
Nutgrass	Cyperus rotundus	-	A	B	-	B	-	-
Noogoora Burr	Xanthium pungens	-	A	-	-	-	-	-
Cumbungi	Typha angustifolia Typha Muelleri	-	A	-	B	-	-	-
Sweet Briar	Rosa rubignosa	-	A	A	-	-	A	-
Common Heliotrope	Heliotropium europaeum	-	A	A	A	-	-	-
Scotch Thistle	Onopordon acanthium	-	A	-	-	-	-	-
Spiny Emex	Emex australis	-	A	B	A	-	-	-
Cape Tulips	Homeria collina Homeria miniata	-	B	-	-	-	-	-
Soursob	Oxalis pes-capri	-	B	B	-	B	-	-
Russian Knapweed	Centaurea repens	-	B	B	B	-	-	-
Onion Weed	Asphodelus fistulosus	-	-	A	-	A	-	-

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Common Name	Botanical Name	Q'ld	NSW	V	SA	WA	Tas
King Island Melilot	Melilotus indicus	-	-	A	-	-	-
Wild Sage	Salvia verbenacea	-	-	A	-	-	-
Three Cornered Onion	Allium triquetrum	-	-	A	-	-	-
Furze or Gorse	Ulex europaeus	-	-	A	-	-	A
Tutsan	Hypericum androsaemum	-	-	A	-	-	-
Stemless Thistle	Onopordon acaulon	-	-	A	-	-	-
Paddy Melon	Citrullus sp.	-	-	A	-	A	-
Rush	Juncus arcutus	-	-	B	-	-	-
Merian's bugle Lily	Watsonia meriana	-	-	B	-	-	-
Pampas Lily of the Valley	Salpichroa rhomboidea	-	-	B	-	-	-
Perennial thistle	Cirsium arvense	-	-	B	B	-	-
Tufted honey flower	Melianthus comosus	-	-	B	-	-	-
Bracken Fern	Pteridium aquilinum	-	-	-	A	-	-
Horehound	Marrubium vulgare	-	-	-	A	-	-
Caltrop	Tribulus terrestris	-	-	-	A	-	-
Fumitory	Fumaria spp.	-	-	-	A	-	-
African Boxthorn	Lycium ferocissimum	-	-	-	A	-	-
Melilotus	Melilotus indica	-	-	-	B	-	-
Quack Grass	Agropyron repens	-	-	-	B	-	-
Tall Fescue	Festuca arundinacea	-	-	-	B	-	-
African Daisy	Senecio pterophorus var. apterus	-	-	-	B	-	-
Colocynth	Citrullus colocynthis	-	-	-	B	-	-
Quena	Solanum esurale	-	-	-	B	-	-
Wild Tomato	Solanum ellipticum	-	-	-	B	-	-
Wild Radish	Raphanus Raphanistrum L.	-	-	-	-	A	-
Wild Turnip	Brassica Tournefortii Gouan.	-	-	-	-	A	-
Turnip Weed	Rapistrum rugosum (L.) All.	-	-	-	-	A	-
Thorn Apples	Datura spp.	-	-	-	-	A	-
Carnation Weed	Euphorbia segetalis L.	-	-	-	-	B	-
False Caper	Euphorbia terracinal L.	-	-	-	-	B	-
Mexican Poppy	Argemone mexicana L.	-	-	-	-	A	-
Broom	Cytisus scoparius	-	-	-	-	-	A
Ragwort	Senecio jacobaea	-	-	-	-	-	A
St. John's Wort	Hypericum perforatum	-	-	-	-	-	A
Annual cruciferae		-	-	-	-	-	A
Slender Thistle	Carduus pycnocephalus	-	-	-	-	-	A

W/2/Aus/4

Common Name	Botanical Name	Q'ld	NSW	V	SA	WA	Tas
Variegated Thistle	Silybum marianum	-	-	-	-	-	A
Bladder Campion	Silene cucubalus	-	-	-	-	-	B
Triangular-stalked Onion Weed	Allium triquetrum	-	-	-	-	-	A
Onion Weed - Sth. African	Romulea bulbocodium	-	-	-	-	-	A
State Totals	-	13	16	21	20	12	12

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Category III weeds are those of less general importance.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Q'ld	NSW	V	SA	WA	Tas
Balloon Cottons	Asclepias fruticosa )	X	-	-	-	-	-
	Asclepias physocarpa)	X	-	-	-	-	-
Gomphrena Weed	Gomphrena celosioides	X	-	-	-	-	-
Black Tea-tree	Melaleuca pubescens	X	-	-	-	-	-
Brigalow suckers	Acacia harpophylla	X	-	-	-	-	-
Native lime	Eremocitrus glauca	X	-	-	-	-	-
Weir Vine	Ipomoea calobra	X	-	-	-	-	-
Star Burr	Acanthospermum hispidum	X	-	-	-	-	-
Feather-top chloris	Chloris virgata	X	-	-	-	-	-
Mexican poppy	Argemone mexicana	X	X	-	-	-	-
African boxthorn	Lycium ferocissimum	X	X	X	-	X	-
Turnip Weed	Rapistrum rugosum	X	-	-	-	-	-
Prickly Acacia	Acacia arabica	X	-	-	-	-	-
Thornapples	Datura spp.	X	X	X	X	-	-
Apple of Peru	Nicandra physaloides	X	-	-	-	-	-
Chinee apple	Zizyphus mauritiana	X	-	-	-	-	-
Wild Tobacco-tree	Solanum auriculatum	X	-	-	-	-	-
Wild currant bush	Carissa ovata	X	-	-	-	-	-
Crown beard	Verbesina encelioides	X	-	-	-	-	-
Devils Fig	Solanum torvum	X	-	-	-	-	-
Sourgrass	Paspalum conjugatum	X	-	-	-	-	-
Rosemary	Cassinia laevis	X	-	-	-	-	-
Turnsole	Heliotropium amplexicaule	X	-	-	-	-	-
Mayne's Pest	Verbena tenera	X	-	-	-	-	-
Wild Verbena	Verbena rigida	X	-	-	-	-	-
Goat Weed	Ageratum conyzoides)	X	-	-	-	-	-
	Ageratum houstonianum)						
Green poison berry	Cestrum parqui	X	-	-	-	-	-
Giant pigweed	Trianthema portulacastrum	X	-	-	-	-	-
Ground cherry	Physalis lanceolata	X	-	-	-	-	-
Khaki Weed	Alternanthera repens	X	X	-	-	-	-
Urena	Urena lobata	X	-	-	-	-	-
Spiny burr grass	Cenchrus echinatus	X	-	-	-	-	-
Spiny Emex	Emex australis	X	-	*	-	-	-
Variegated thistle	Silybum marianum	X	X	-	X	X	-
Saffron thistle	Carthamus lanatus	X	X	-	-	-	-
Maltese cockspur	Centaurea melitensis	X	X	X	-	-	-

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Common Name	Botanical Name	Q'ld	NSW	V	SA	WA	Tas
Bracken Fern	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Groundsel Bush	<i>Baccharis helimifolia</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Slender Thistle	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	-	X	X	-	X	-
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus glandulosa</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Stinkwort	<i>Inula graveolens</i>	-	X	X	X	X	-
Yellow Pea	<i>Cassia sophora</i> var. <i>schinifolia</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Star Thistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	-	X	-	X	-	-
Perennial Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium lanceolatum</i>	-	X	X	X	X	-
St. Barnaby's Thistle	<i>Centaurea solstit-</i> <i>ialis</i>	-	X	X	X	-	-
Hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	-	X	-	-	X	X
Creeping Nightshade	<i>Solanum radicans</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Yellow Burr Weed	<i>Amsinckia intermedia</i>	-	X	-	-	X	-
Onion Weed	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Patterson's Curse	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Caltrops	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	-	X	X	-	-	-
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta</i> spp.	-	X	-	-	-	-
Weeping Lantana	<i>Lantana sellowiana</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Paspalum	<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Mistletoe	<i>Loranthus</i> spp.	-	X	-	-	-	-
Spiny burr grasses	<i>Cenchrus</i> spp.	-	X	-	-	-	-
Chilian whitlow	<i>Paronychia brasiliانا</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Silver Wattle	<i>Acacia</i> spp.	-	X	-	-	-	-
Wild Bugloss	<i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Rushes	<i>Juncus</i> spp.	-	X	-	X	-	-
Wood Sorrels	<i>Oxalis</i> spp.	-	X	-	-	-	-
Wild Sage	<i>Salvia verbenacea</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Native Pennyroyal	<i>Mentha satureioides</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Sticky Daisy Bush	<i>Olearia elliptica</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	-	X	X	-	-	-
Wild Mignonette	<i>Reseda luteola</i>	-	X	X	X	-	X
Broom Sedge	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Tea-trees	<i>Kunzea</i> spp. } <i>Leptospernum</i> spp. }	-	X	-	-	-	-
Bishops Weed	<i>Ammi majus</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Lesser Swinecress	<i>Coronopus didymus</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Purple Top	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Capeweed	<i>Cryptostemma calendula</i>	-	X	-	-	-	X
Veined verbena	<i>Verbena rigida</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Water Hyacinth	<i>Eichhornea crassipes</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Italian Bugloss	<i>Echium italicum</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Biddy Bush	<i>Cassinia arcuata</i>	-	X	-	-	-	-
Perennial Ragweed	<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	-	X	-	X	-	-
Saffron thistle	<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	-	-	X	-	-	X
Glaucus Star thistle	<i>Carthamus glaucus</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-

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Common Name	Botanical Name	Q'ld	NSW	V.	SA	WA	Tas
Scotch thistle	<i>Onopordon acanthium</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Illyrian thistle	<i>Onopordon illyricum</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Soldier thistle	<i>Cirsium acarna</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Blessed thistle	<i>Cnicus benedictus</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Cardoon	<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Variegated thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Common Reed	<i>Phragmites communis</i>	-	-	X	X	-	-
Water Couch	<i>Paspalum distichum</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Cumbungi	<i>Typha</i> spp.	-	-	X	-	-	-
English Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Cape Broom	<i>Cytisus canariensis</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Treele mustard	<i>Erysimum repandrum</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Crowfoot	<i>Erodium boyrys</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Wild Turnip	<i>Bassica tourne-</i> <i>fortii</i>	-	-	X	X	-	-
Sandrocket	<i>Diplotaxis tenui-</i> <i>folia</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Wild radish	<i>Raphanus raphanis-</i> <i>trum</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Charlock	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	-	-	X	X	-	-
Paterson's Curse	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Sticky bartsia	<i>Bartsia viscosa</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Burgaris	<i>Kunzea</i> sp.	-	-	X	-	-	-
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Golden thistle	<i>Scolymus nispanicus</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Grey germander	<i>Teucrium racemosum</i>	-	-	X	-	-	-
Apple of Sodom	<i>Solanum sodomaeum</i>	-	-	X	X	X	-
Sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	-	-	X	X	-	-
Yacca	<i>Xanthorrhoea</i> spp.	-	-	-	X	-	-
Wild Radish	<i>Raphanus Raphan-</i> <i>istrum</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Johnson Grass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Water Hyacinth	<i>Eichornia crassipes</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Black Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Stemless Thistle	<i>Onopordon acaulon</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Slender Thistle	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Salvation Jane	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Italian Bugloss	<i>Echium italicum</i>	-	-	-	X	X	-
Winged Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium Thouinii</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Caustic Weed	<i>Euphorbia Drummondii</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Furze Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Sweed Briar	<i>Rose rubiginosa</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Dog Rose	<i>Rose canina</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Ball Mustard	<i>Neslia paniculata</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Buchan Weed	<i>Sinapis incana</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-
Mexican Poppy	<i>Argemone Mexicana</i>	-	-	-	X	-	-

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Common Name	Botanical Name	Qld	NSW	V	SA	WA	Tas
Onion Grass	Romulea rosea	-	-	-	X	-	-
Thread Iris	Gynandriris setifolia	-	-	-	X	-	-
Rock Lily	Ornithogalum thyrsoides	-	-	-	X	-	-
3-Cornered Garlic	Allium triquetrum	-	-	-	X	-	-
Field Garlic	Allium vineale	-	-	-	X	-	-
Bulbine Lily	Bulbine bulbosa	-	-	-	X	-	-
Devil's Claw	Proboscidea jussieui	-	-	-	X	-	-
Bladder Campion	Silene cucubalus	-	-	-	X	-	-
Sand Rocket or Lincoln Weed	Diploaxis tenuifolia	-	-	-	X	-	-
Dead nettle	Lamium amplexicaule	-	-	-	X	-	-
Stagger Weed	Stachys arvensis	-	-	-	X	-	-
Cotton Bushes	Asclepias spp.	-	-	-	X	-	-
Corn Gromwell/ Sheepweed	Lithospermum arvense	-	-	-	X	-	-
Pheasant's-eye	Adonis annua	-	-	-	X	-	-
Prickly Pear	Opuntia spp.	-	-	-	X	-	-
Docks	Rumex spp.	-	-	-	X	-	-
Sedges	Cyperus spp.	-	-	-	X	-	-
Vetch	Vicia spp.	-	-	-	X	-	-
Sun Spurge	Euphorbia helioscopia	-	-	-	X	-	-
Sheep's Burr } Biddy-biddy }	Acaena spp.	-	-	-	X	-	-
Artichoke Wild or Cardoon	Cynara Cardunculus	-	-	-	X	-	-
Wild Watermelon	Citrullus vulgaris	-	-	-	X	-	-
Wire Weed	Polygonum aviculare	-	-	-	X	-	-
Turnip Weed	Rapistrum rugosum	-	-	-	X	-	-
Paddy Melon	Cucumis myriocarpus	-	-	-	X	-	-
Water Cress	Nasturtium officinale	-	-	-	X	-	-
Wall Rocket	Diploaxis muralis	-	-	-	X	-	-
Castor Oil Plant	Ricinus communis	-	-	-	X	-	-
Merian's Bugle Lily	Watsonia Meriana (L.) Mill.	-	-	-	-	X	-
Arum Lily	Zantedeschia aethiopica Spreng.	-	-	-	-	X	-
Pattersons Curse	Echium plantagineum L.	-	-	-	-	X	-
Innocent Weed	Genchrus tribuloides L.	-	-	-	-	X	-
Khaki Weed	Alternanthera repens (L.) Kuntze	-	-	-	-	X	-
-----	Babiana plicata Ker	-	-	-	-	X	-
Trixago Bartsia	Bellardia trixago (L.) All.	-	-	-	-	X	-

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Common Name	Botanical Name	Qld	NSW	V	SA	WA	Ts
Barberry	Berberis vulgaris L.	-	-	-	-	X	-
Burr Grasses	(Cenchrus incertus Or- tis (Cenchrus echinatus L. (Cenchrus pauciflorus Benth.	-	-	-	-	X	-
Prickly Pears	{ Opuntia monacantha Haw. { Opuntia inermis Noris and De Not.	-	-	-	-	X	-
Cape Weed	Cryptostemma calen- dulaceum	-	-	-	-	X	X
Meadow Sage	Salvia pratensis	-	-	-	-	X	X
Viper's Bugloss	Echium vulgare	-	-	-	-	X	X
Mullein	Verbascum spp.	-	-	-	-	X	X
Teazle	Dipsacus sylvestris	-	-	-	-	X	X

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