



Declared Noxious Weeds - Listed by Common Name

Ryan Melville, (Geelong)

Updated: March 2008

LC0252a

ISSN 1329-833X

This note describes the legislative classification of weeds in Victoria, outlines the responsibilities of land owners for control of weeds and the legal restrictions on trade and dispersal of noxious weeds, and provides a list of noxious weeds with their current classifications.

Under the *Catchment and Land Protection (CaLP) Act 1994* certain plants are declared as noxious weeds in Victoria. These plants cause environmental or economic harm or have the potential to cause such harm. They can also present risks to human health. The CaLP Act defines four categories of noxious weeds:

- State Prohibited Weeds
- Regionally Prohibited Weeds
- Regionally Controlled Weeds
- Restricted Weeds.

The Regions referred to in the CaLP Act are the ten catchment Regions in Victoria (see Figure 1). Each Region recommends to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, through a Catchment Management Authority (CMA), which plants should be declared noxious weeds, and the categories in which they should be placed.



Figure 1. Victoria's Catchment Management Regions.

Plants which have also been proclaimed noxious under the Fisheries Act 1995 are known as Noxious Aquatic Species.

State Prohibited Weeds

These weeds either do not occur in Victoria but pose a significant threat if they invade, or are present, pose a

serious threat and can reasonably be expected to be eradicated. If present, infestations of a State Prohibited Weed are relatively small. They are to be eradicated if possible from Victoria or excluded from the State. The Victorian Government is responsible for their eradication, but under Section 70(1) of the CaLP Act it may direct land owners to prevent their growth and spread. See those weeds marked with an "S" in the following table.

Regionally Prohibited Weeds

Regionally Prohibited weeds are not widely distributed in a Region but are capable of spreading further. It is reasonable to expect that they can be eradicated from a Region and they must be managed with that goal. Land owners, including public authorities responsible for Crown land management, must take all reasonable steps to eradicate Regionally Prohibited weeds on their land. See those weeds marked with a "P" in the following table.

Regionally Controlled Weeds

These weeds are usually widespread and are considered important in a particular Region. To prevent their spread, continuing control measures are required. Land owners have the responsibility to take all reasonable steps to prevent the growth and spread of Regionally Controlled weeds on their land. See those weeds marked with a "C" in the following table.

Restricted Weeds

This category includes plants that pose an unacceptable risk of spreading in this State or to other parts of Australia if they were to be sold or traded in Victoria, and are a serious threat to another State or Territory of Australia. Trade in these weeds and their propagules, either as plants, seeds or contaminants in other materials is prohibited. See those weeds marked with an "R" in the following table.

Fisheries Act Noxious Aquatic Species

These plants pose a serious threat to a fishery, the aquatic environment or human health. It is an offence to bring into Victoria or possess, sell, transport or release them. See those plants marked with an "F" in the following table.



Classification of declared noxious weeds in Victoria under the Catchment and Land Protection Act, proclaimed in Victorian Government Gazettes of 22 May 2003, 27 October 2005 and 5 April 2006, 6 March 2008, and plants declared Noxious Aquatic Species under the Fisheries Act.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Mallee	North Central	Wimmera	Glenelg-Hopkins	Corang-amite	Port Phillip	Goulburn Broken	North East	West Gipps-land	East Gipps-land
African Boxthorn	<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
African Daisy	<i>Senecio pterophorus</i>	R	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	R
African Feather-grass	<i>Pennisetum macrourum</i>	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P
African Love-grass	<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	R	C	R	R	C	C	C	C	C	C
Alligator Weed	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Amsinckia	<i>Amsinckia</i> spp.	R	C	R	P	P	C	C	C	P	C
Angled Onion	<i>Allium triquetrum</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Apple of Sodom	<i>Solanum linnaeanum</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	R	P	C	C
Artichoke Thistle	<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	C	C	R	R	C	C	P	P	P	R
Athel Pine, Tamarisk	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Bathurst Burr	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Bear-skin Fescue	<i>Festuca gautieri</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	R	R	C	R	R	C	R	C	C	P
Blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Black Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Boneseed/Bitou Bush	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	P
Branched Broomrape *1	<i>Orobanche ramosa</i> *1	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Bridal Creeper	<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Buffalo Burr	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	R	R	P	R	R	P	C	P	R	R
Cabomba	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Californian/Perennial Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	R	P	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	C
Caltrop	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	R	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	P	R
Camel Thorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Cape Broom/ Montpellier Broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	R	R	C	R	C	C	C	C	C	C
Cape Tulip (One-leaf)	<i>Moraea flaccida</i> (gazetted as <i>Homeria flaccida</i>)	P	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	C
Cape Tulip (Two-leaf)	<i>Moraea miniata</i> (gazetted as <i>Homeria miniata</i>)	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	P
Caulerpa	<i>Caulerpa taxifolia</i>	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Chilean Cestrum	<i>Cestrum parqui</i>	R	R	C	R	R	P	C	C	P	P
Chilean Needle-grass	<i>Nassella neesiana</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Devil's Claw (Purple-flower)	<i>Proboscidea louisianica</i>	R	R	R	C	R	P	C	C	R	R
Devil's Claw (Yellow-flower)	<i>Proboscidea lutea</i> (gazetted as <i>Ibicella lutea</i>)	R	R	R	C	R	P	C	C	R	R
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta</i> spp.	R	R	P	R	R	C	C	C	P	R
English Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	R	R	P	R	C	C	C	C	C	P
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	R	R	R	R	C	R	R	R	R	R
Flax-leaved Broom	<i>Genista linifolia</i>	R	R	C	R	C	C	R	P	C	P
Giant Knotweed	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Giraffe Thorn	<i>Acacia erioloba</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Golden Thistle	<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	R	C	R	P	C	C	C	P	R	R
Gorse/Furze	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P
Great Mullein	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	C	R	C
Hardheads/Russian Knapweed	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	C	C	C	P	P	P	C	P	R	R
Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium</i> spp.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	R	R	C	R	R	C	C	C	C	C
Hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	R	R	R	R	C	C	C	C	C	R
Hoary Cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i> (gazetted as <i>Cardaria draba</i>)	C	R	R	R	C	C	C	P	C	R
Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Horsetail	<i>Equisetum</i> spp.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Hymenachne	<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Illyrian Thistle	<i>Onopordum illyricum</i>	R	C	R	R	R	P	P	P	R	P
Ivy-leaved Sida	<i>Malvella leprosa</i> (gazetted as <i>Sida leprosa</i>)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Japanese Knotweed hybrid	<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Karoo Thorn	<i>Acacia karroo</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Khaki Weed	<i>Alternanthera pungens</i>	R	C	C	R	R	P	C	P	R	P
Lagarosiphon	<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Lobed Needle Grass	<i>Nassella charruana</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Marijuana	<i>Cannabis sativa</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mesquite	<i>Prosopis</i> spp.	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mexican Feather Grass	<i>Nassella tenuissima</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mimosa	<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Nodding Thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Noogoora Burr /Californian Burr	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> (incl. <i>X. occidentale</i> & <i>X. orientale</i>)	C	C	P	C	P	C	C	C	P	R
Onion Weed	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	R	R	C	C	R	R	R	R	R	R
Common Name	Scientific Name	Mallee	North Central	Wimmera	Glenelg-Hopkins	Corang-amite	Port Phillip	Goulburn Broken	North East	West Gipps-land	East Gipps-land

Common Name	Scientific Name	Mallee	North Central	Wimmera	Glenelg-Hopkins	Corang-amite	Port Phillip	Goulburn Broken	North East	West Gipps-land	East Gipps-land
Ox-eye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	R	R	R	R	C	C	C	R	C	R
Pampas Lily-of-the-Valley	<i>Salpichroa origanifolia</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	R	C	R	P
Parkinsonia	<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Parthenium Weed	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Paterson's Curse	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Perennial Ragweed	<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Pond Apple	<i>Annona glabra</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Poverty Weed	<i>Iva axillaris</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Prairie Ground Cherry	<i>Physalis viscosa</i>	C	C	P	R	C	C	C	C	R	R
Prickly Acacia	<i>Acacia nilotica</i> subsp. <i>indica</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Prickly Pear (Drooping)	<i>Opuntia monacantha</i> (gazetted as <i>O. vulgaris</i>)	C	C	C	R	R	C	R	C	P	R
Prickly Pear (Erect)	<i>Opuntia stricta</i>	C	C	C	R	R	C	R	C	P	R
Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	R	R	R	C	C	C	P	P	C	C
Ricegrass/Common Cordgrass	<i>Spartina anglica</i>	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Rubber Vine	<i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Saffron Thistle	<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	R	R	C	R	R	C	C	C	C	C
Salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Sand Rocket/Sand Mustard	<i>Diplotaxis tenuifolia</i>	R	R	R	C	R	C	R	R	R	R
Scotch/Heraldic Thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	R	P	R	C	C	P	C	C	C	C
Serrated Tussock	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	P	P	P	P	C	C	P	P	C	P
Silverleaf Nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	C	C	C	P	C	P	C	C	R	R
Skeleton Weed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	R	R	R	C	R	P	R	R	R	R
Slender/Shore Thistle	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i> / <i>C. pycnocephalus</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	R	C	C	C
Soldier Thistle	<i>Picnemon acarna</i> (gazetted as <i>Cirsium arcana</i>)	R	P	R	R	R	P	C	C	R	R
Soursob	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	R	C	C	C
Spiny Broom	<i>Calicotome spinosa</i>	R	R	C	R	C	P	R	P	R	R
Spiny Burr Grass/Gentle Annie	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>	C	C	C	P	R	P	C	C	R	R
Spiny Emex	<i>Emex australis</i>	C	R	P	R	R	P	C	C	R	R
Spiny Rush	<i>Juncus acutus</i>	R	C	C	C	R	C	C	C	C	C
St Barnaby's Thistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	R	R	C	P	P	P	C	C	P	P
St John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
St Peter's Wort	<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	R	C	R	R
Star Thistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	R	R	R	R	R	P	R	C	C	C
Stemless Thistle	<i>Onopordum acaulon</i>	R	R	R	R	R	P	R	C	R	C
Stinkwort	<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	R	C	R	R
Sweet Briar	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Tangled Hypericum	<i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Thorn Apple (Common)	<i>Datura stramonium</i>	R	C	R	C	R	C	C	C	C	R
Thorn Apple (Long-spine)	<i>Datura ferox</i>	R	C	R	C	R	C	C	C	C	R
Thorn Apple (Recurved)	<i>Datura innoxia</i>	R	C	R	C	R	P	C	C	P	R
Topped Lavender	<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	C	R	R
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	R	R	R	C	R	C	C	C	C	C
Tufted Honeyflower	<i>Melianthus comosus</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	C	R	C	R
Tutsan	<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	C	C	C	C
Variegated Thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	C	C	C	C
Viper's Bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	R	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Wakame Seaweed	<i>Undaria</i>	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Water Hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Wheel Cactus	<i>Opuntia robusta</i>	C	C	C	R	R	P	R	C	R	R
Wild Garlic	<i>Allium vineale</i>	C	C	C	R	R	R	P	C	R	R
Wild Mignonette	<i>Reseda luteola</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Wild Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	R	R	R	R	R	C	R	C	C	R
Wild Watsonia	<i>Watsonia meriana</i> var. <i>bulbillifera</i> (gazetted as <i>W. meriana</i> 'Bulbillifera')	R	R	R	R	C	C	R	C	C	C
Willows*2	<i>Salix</i> spp. *2	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Common Name	Scientific Name	Mallee	North Central	Wimmera	Glenelg-Hopkins	Corang-amite	Port Phillip	Goulburn Broken	North East	West Gipps-land	East Gipps-land

Key to symbols in the table of declared weeds

S = State Prohibited P = Regionally Prohibited C = Regionally Controlled R = Restricted

F = Fisheries Act Noxious Aquatic Species

*1 Branched broomrape is also a declared exotic disease under the *Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995*.

*2 Except *Salix alba* var. *caerulea*, *Salix alba* x *matsudana*, *Salix babylonica*, *Salix* X *calodendron*, *Salix caprea* 'Pendula', *Salix matsudana* 'Aurea', *Salix matsudana* 'Tortuosa', *Salix myrsinifolia* and *Salix* X *reichardtii*.

Strategic Approach

The Victorian government has adopted a strategic approach in the management of the risks posed by weeds. This is outlined in Victorian Pest Management – A

Framework for Action and applied in Regional Weed Plans (RWPs). Priority is given to:

- State Prohibited Weeds and weeds of regional significance, as determined by CMAs. The RWPs detail principles and approaches for weed

management and describe goals and actions for the region.

- Prevention and early intervention as the most cost effective means of weed management.
- Supporting community action that is based on a planned, long-term, integrated approach to land management and which results in public benefit.

Complying with the Catchment and Land Protection Act

Provisions of the CaLP Act are enforced by DPI Pest Management Officers. Priority for enforcement is given to the species and locations determined to be of greatest importance by the CMA in each Region.

Property owners who do not eradicate a Regionally Prohibited weed or prevent the growth and spread of a Regionally Controlled weed for which they are responsible, may be issued with a Land Management Notice or Directions notice that requires specific control work to be undertaken. Failure to comply with the conditions of a Notice may result in court action and fines of over \$25,000 or the issuing of an infringement notice and fine.

The Minister may declare an area of land to be a priority area for the control or eradication of any Regionally Prohibited or Regionally Controlled weed. The declaration will be published in the Government Gazette, a newspaper circulated in the area specified in the notice and may be sent to each landowner. A landowner within the specified area who fails to comply with the requirements outlined, can face court proceedings with fines up to \$2,200 or an infringement notice.

On expiry of a notice, the landowner must notify DPI within seven days in writing of the measures taken to comply, or if no measures were taken, the reason as to why. A landowner who fails to notify DPI can face legal proceedings and a fine of up to \$1,100.

Under the CaLP Act, DPI can also restrict the movement of grain, fodder, equipment or animals that are likely to spread noxious weeds. In the case of State Prohibited weeds, DPI can direct a land owner to prevent the growth or spread of the weed.

There are no legal requirements to eradicate or control Restricted Weeds growing on land, however Restricted Weeds can not be traded, transported or spread in Victoria.

Sections 70,70A and 71 of the CaLP Act for all declared noxious weeds, irrespective of category or Region, prohibits the:

- Movement from land on to a road of: –
 1. Vehicles and trailers used for carrying, moving or transporting hay, grain, fodder or livestock,
 2. Vehicles used for carrying, moving or transporting machinery or equipment for road and utility building or maintenance,
 3. Machinery, implements or other equipment without first taking precautions to ensure the vehicle and equipment is free from noxious weed seeds and

any other part of a noxious weed that is capable of growing (weed propagules).

- Purchase, sale, offering for sale or purchase, and possession for the purpose of sale, of a noxious weed or their propagules.
- Removal or sale of soil, sand, gravel or stone which comes from land on which a noxious weed grows, or contains or is likely to contain any part of a noxious weed.
- Removal or sale of fodder or grain containing noxious weed propagules.
- Sale, hire, or offering for hire of a substance or machine for use in primary production that contains noxious weed propagules.
- Sale of an animal carrying seeds of a noxious weed, except directly to an approved meat processing facility.
- Transport of a noxious weed or its propagules within Victoria.
- Deposition on land of a noxious weed or its seeds.
- Displaying a noxious weed or any part that is capable of growing.
- Planting or propagating of a noxious weed, seeds or its propagules within Victoria.
- A person to wilfully bring into Victoria a noxious weed or its propagules or cause to it to be brought in.

Offenders can be required to remove the weed from any infested goods, or destroy the weed at the cost of the offender. Infested goods can be impounded. Noxious weeds possessed illegally or being offered for sale can be seized. Offenders face court actions and fines of up to \$13,000.

Permits that allow a specifically prohibited activity may be granted if special circumstances apply.

Further Information

Please contact your local DSE/DPI office or call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186. Your local Pest Management Officer can also provide detailed information and advice on weed management.

This note is updated from time to time, please ensure you have the latest version. This Landcare note can be downloaded from <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/notes>

Acknowledgements

Assistance with compilation from Ian Faithfull, Mark Watt, Michael Hansford, Penny Gillespie, Leigh Dennis, Daniel Joubert, El Bruzzese, David Cummings, David McKenzie, Peter Goodson and Stefan Kaiser. Robert Nink provided the map. Updated by Ryan Melville, DPI, March 2008.

The previous version of this note was published in April 2006.

The advice provided in this publication is intended as a source of information only. Always read the label before using any of the products mentioned. The State of Victoria and its employees do not guarantee that the publication is without flaw of any kind or is wholly appropriate for your particular purposes and therefore disclaims all liability for any error, loss or other consequence which may arise from you relying on any information in this publication.