

Mugwort

(Artemisia vulgaris)

Is Mugwort on your property?

Horizons welcomes any information about the occurrence and characteristics of this plant. If you see any sites where it is growing or can help with details of the plant, please contact us on freephone 0508 800 800.



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Identification

Clumping rhizomatous perennial up to 2 m tall. Mature leaves are alternate, smooth, deeply lobed and up to 100 mm long by 75 mm wide. Tinted dark green on the upper surface and covered by white cottony down underneath. Stems angular and often purplish in colour. Yellow discs of individual greenish flowers are produced in clusters high up the stem, in late autumn.

Weedy characteristics

Problem weed in turf grass, on roadsides and in natural areas. Overtops low-growing native species and shades them out with dense bushy growth.

Methods of dispersal

Most infestations have been the result of vegetative introductions in nursery stock, topsoil, compost or farm equipment.

Impact on indigenous plants

Forms massive tall impenetrable stands excluding all other species.

Typical habitats

Turfgrass, nurseries, roadsides, wasteland and natural areas. Its persistent rhizomes make it difficult to control.

Control

1. Spray with glyphosate at 1L /100 L water. Respray until eliminated.
2. Tordon BK at gorse rates. Respray until eliminated.

Site management

Avoid soil disturbance and fire.

Species recovery

Reseeds easily and pieces of rhizome regrow.

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