

African Boxthorn

What is it?

Introduced as a hedge plant in the early days of colonisation, African Boxthorn has adapted to Australian conditions and is widespread throughout NSW. It is an extremely tough plant that can withstand prolonged drought conditions, frosts and floods. A weed of roadsides, open forests, and grazing lands it can form dense thickets that are a haven for vermin such as rabbits. The fruit of the African Boxthorn is also a host of the Fruit Fly. Birds and animals such as foxes can spread seeds over a wide area.

Distribution

Infestations the Council areas of Maitland, Cessnock, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Upper Hunter and Merriwa.

Control Measures

Physical control:
Can be effective. Care needs to be taken to ensure complete removal, as plants may reshoot from rootstock.

Herbicide control:
A number of herbicides are registered for control. These include the *Glyphosate* based herbicides, and various *Trichlopyr* based products.

Biological control:
No biological agents available.

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Lycium ferocissimum

A Category W 2 Noxious weed.

Under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993, the weed must be fully and continually suppressed and destroyed.



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