

Mother of Millions

What is it?

Mother of Millions is an introduced plant that was used extensively as a garden plant. It is low maintenance and can survive in many different conditions. It is this trait that causes concern.

Propagation of Mother of Millions is by vegetative means. The fleshy leaves are easily shaken off and can produce new roots. The disposal of garden waste on roadsides and along bush tracks has been responsible for many infestations. As Mother of Millions is toxic to stock, care should be taken to ensure they cannot graze near the plants, as it appears that only a small quantity can be lethal.

What does it look like?

Mother of Millions is a perennial herb that can produce several erect succulent stems. They are a mottled green in colour and can grow to 60cm high. Flowers form as a bell shape in clusters at the top of stems. Colour ranges from red through to orange.

Control Measures

Physical control:

Hand removal if done carefully can be successful. Plants should be placed in plastic bags and left to dry out. Note: this could take some considerable time.

Herbicide control:

Products registered for control include *Grazon DS* and *2,4-D amine* (various trade names.). Contact your local supplier for details of registered herbicides.

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Byrophyllum delagoense

A Category W 2 weed in all areas except Newcastle, Port Stephens, Wyong and Lake Macquarie Council areas. The weed must be continuously suppressed and destroyed.



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