

# INVASIVE WEED ALERT

## BANANA PASSIONFRUIT



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## HELP US BANNISH BANANA PASSIONFRUIT



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## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Vigorous, evergreen, high-climbing vines (<10 m) with long, densely hairy stems which are angular when young, and which have many spiralling tendrils. Leaves are 3-lobed (each lobe 5-14 cm long) with middle lobe the longest, edges serrated, and undersides covered in down.

From Jan-Dec pink hanging flowers (7 cm diameter) with central tube (60-95 mm long) are followed by hanging, thin-skinned fruit (7-12 x 2-4 cm) ripening from green to yellow or orange, with sweet edible orange pulp and dark red seeds (4-6 mm long).



## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

Smothers canopy, prevents native plants from establishing. Allows faster-growing or tougher vines to succeed it in dominating canopy. Appears in light wells away from parent plant.

## CONTROL METHODS

- **Physical control** - Pull roots up (all year round). Dispose of plant material at a landfill or refuse transfer station. Cut off above ground or tie stems in air to prevent them forming roots on contact with soil.

### Herbicide control

- Cut and paste: Cut the stem/trunk as close to the ground as possible and cover the entire stump with herbicide as soon as possible after cutting. Apply glyphosate gel (120g/L strength) or metsulfuron gel (10g/L strength) or picloram gel (43g/l strength) to the entire cut stem.
- Foliar spray (knapsack rates below. Refer to label for gun and hose rates)
- Apply Glyphosate herbicide (360 g/L active ingredient) at 20ml/L to cover entire plant. Note: Glyphosate overspray will kill other (desirable) plants

**CAUTION:** When using any herbicide or pesticide, PLEASE READ THE LABEL THOROUGHLY to ensure that all instructions and safety requirements are followed.