

# INVASIVE WEED *Alert*

## BLUE MORNING GLORY

A high climbing vine with tough, hairy, twining, running stems with tough fibrous roots without rhizomes.

Leaves (5-18 x 5-16 cm) are usually 3-lobed & silky-hairy underneath.

From late spring to early winter, groups of 3-12 deep blue-purple flowers that are pink at the base & wither in the midday sun are produced.

### Why?

Very fast growth rate, longevity, dense smothering habit & ability to climb to top of high canopy makes this the dominant vine wherever it occurs. Tolerates hot to cool temperatures, & damp to dry conditions.

### How to get rid of it

- Physical removal - Hand pull, dig out roots (all year round). Dispose of plant material at a landfill or refuse transfer station.
- Cut & paste: Cut the stem/trunk as close to the ground as possible & cover the entire stump with herbicide as soon as possible after cutting. Apply metsulfuron gel (10g/L strength).
- Leaf paint - Brush neat glyphosate (360 g/l) or glyphosate gel on underside of individual leaves on each branch. Ensure herbicide resistant gloves are worn.
- Foliar spray - Apply metsulfuron herbicide at a rate of 0.5g/L using a hand held sprayer/knapsack.
- Note: Metsulfuron overspray will kill other (desirable) broadleaf plants & has residual activity in the soil which aids in killing below ground parts. Do not use over or near water bodies or wetlands. When using herbicide please read the label thoroughly & ensure all instructions and safety requirements are followed

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