

INVASIVE WEED *Alert*

WOOLLY NIGHTSHADE

It's a spreading, capsicum-smelling shrub/small tree up to 10m tall, covered in dusty hairs, & whitish, branching, soft-woody stems. Velvety, oval, grey green leaves (10-35 x 3-15 cm) are whitish underneath with prominent 'ears' (25mm) at base which clasp the stem. Dense clusters of mauve to purple flowers (15-20 mm diameter, Jan-Dec) with yellow anthers are followed by clusters of round berries (1 cm diameter) that ripen from hard green to soft, dull yellow.

Why?

Grows & matures rapidly, forming dense tall stands & producing many well-dispersed seeds most of year. Produces toxins that poison the soil & inhibits regeneration. Tolerates wet to dry conditions, salt, all well-drained soils, hot to cool temperatures, semi-shade, damage & grazing areas.

How to get rid of it

- Pull out small plants by hand, ensuring to remove all roots.
- Dispose of flowers & berries in household rubbish to prevent spreading.
- For larger plants, cut down & paint stumps with herbicide containing glyphosate
- For thick trunks, drill downward sloping hole every 200mm around the base of the trunk & fill with undiluted glyphosate mixture with syringe or squeeze bottle.
- Take extra care & wear gloves and protective clothing as plant parts can cause skin irritation & respiratory issue
- When using herbicide please read the label thoroughly & ensure all instructions and safety requirements are followed

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