



## DESCRIPTION

Spanish heath is an erect, woody perennial up to three metres tall. It is densely covered in light-green, needle-like leaves and has many small white to light pink flowers.

## OTHER NAMES USED:

Heath, heather.

## VALUES AT RISK:

Agricultural production, through the suppression of pasture, particularly on marginal pastureland. The plant can also be a nuisance on roadside verges and embankments.

## STRATEGY RULE:

There is no rule requiring you to control Spanish heath. Any control is voluntary.

**All pest plants are banned from being sold, propagated or distributed.**

## HOW TO DESTROY SPANISH HEATH:

**Grub** isolated plants or seedlings. However, grubbing is effective only when the entire stem is removed.

### Use herbicides:

#### Guidance for using 2,4-D ethylhexyl ester (eg *Pasture Kleen* or *Relay*)

- Best results for controlling Spanish heath with 2,4-D ethylhexyl ester are achieved in spring.
- If spot spraying – mix 650 ml of 2,4-D ethylhexyl ester per 100 L of water.
- This product must be under the personal control of an approved handler when applied in a wide dispersive manner or used by a commercial contractor. Records of use must be kept when: a member of the public may lawfully be present; the substance is likely to enter air or water and leave the place; or if three kilograms or more of the chemical is applied.

For further advice or information about pest plant management contact:

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