



DESCRIPTION

Giant reed is a perennial, bamboo-like grass up to 4 – 8 m tall. It has pale green to blue-green leaves and tall plume-like flowerheads.

OTHER NAMES USED

None known.

VALUES AT RISK

Ecological values, through the suppression of native plants along forest and streambank margins, in scrub, secondary forests and wetlands.

Agricultural production, through competition with seedlings in planted forests and pasture.

Water flow, through obstruction of drainage channels and wetlands.

STRATEGY RULE

You must destroy all adult and juvenile forms of giant gunnera and hybrids on your property.

HOW TO DESTROY GIANT REED

Cut and use a herbicide such as glyphosate, although there is no label recommendation on this herbicide specifying giant reed.

Guidance for using glyphosate

- Cut and burn foliage.
- Apply glyphosate to the regrowth.
- Best results for controlling giant reed with glyphosate are achieved from September to January when the plant is at the early seed head stage.
- If applying aerially or by boomspray, apply 4.5 L of glyphosate for each hectare.
- If using a handgun – mix 750 ml of glyphosate per 100 L of water.
- If using a knapsack – mix 75 ml of glyphosate per 10 L of water.
- Spray plant foliage and stems from all sides to give complete and uniform coverage.
- Follow mixing instructions carefully as concentrations of glyphosate vary in the different formulations of this herbicide.
- This product must be under the control of an approved handler when applied onto or into water. Records of use must be kept when applied onto or into water.

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

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