



DESCRIPTION

Climbing spindleberry is a deciduous, perennial, twining climber. It has alternate, round toothed, glossy leaves, green inconspicuous flowers and showy yellow and red fruit that appears in autumn. In autumn the leaves turn yellow before dropping off the plant.

OTHER NAMES USED:

Oriental bittersweet, madeira vine.

VALUES AT RISK:

Ecological values, through competition with and the exclusion of, native plants along forest margins, and in low and disturbed forest.

Amenity values, particularly in gardens, reserves and other amenity areas.

STRATEGY RULE:

You must destroy all climbing spindleberry on your property.

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

HOW TO DESTROY CLIMBING SPINDLEBERRY:

Hand pull young vines or seedlings, preferably before fruiting. Take care to collect and burn all stems and roots, which can regrow.

Cut and apply stump treatment, using a herbicide such as picloram gel (eg Vigilant).

Broadcast spray with metsulfuron.

Guidance for using picloram gel (eg Vigilant)

- Best results for controlling climbing spindleberry with picloram gel are achieved during periods of active growth – from spring to late summer.
- Cut stem or vine 50 - 100 mm above ground. Take care to collect and dispose of the cut plant material.
- Apply picloram gel to the top of the stem within 15 minutes of cutting the stem. For stems less than 20 mm in diameter, apply about 3 - 5 ml of gel. For stems greater than 20 mm, apply 5 ml of gel.
- This product must be under the care of an approved handler if the substance is used by a commercial contractor or applied directly onto or into water.

Guidance for using metsulfuron (eg Escort, Meturon Or Zeal)

- Best results for controlling climbing spindleberry with metsulfuron are achieved during periods of active growth – from spring to late summer.
- If using a knapsack, mix 5 gm metsulfuron with 10 ml of penetrant (eg Boost or Pulse) per 10 L of water.
- If using a handgun, mix 20 gm of metsulfuron, plus 100 ml of penetrant per 100 L of water.
- 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.

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