



DESCRIPTION

Brush wattle is an evergreen tree up to 20 m tall.

OTHER NAMES USED:

None known

VALUES AT RISK:

Agriculture production, through the suppression of pasture on marginal hill country farms.

Amenity values, particularly in gardens.

Ecological values, particularly along streambanks and low and disturbed forests

STRATEGY RULE:

There is no rule requiring you to control Brush wattle. Any control is voluntary.

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

For further advice or information about pest plant management contact:

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HOW TO DESTROY BRUSH WATTLE:

Hand pull young plants or seedlings.

Cut down mature trees.

Using a herbicide such as metsulfuron or picloram may be effective on young or old plants.

Guidance for using metsulfuron (eg *Escort*, *Meturon* or *Zeal*)

- Metsulfuron is effective on brush wattle all year round.
- If applying aerially – mix 170 gm of metsulfuron, plus 500 ml of a penetrant (such as Pulse or Boost), per 100 - 400 L of water, per hectare.
- If using a handgun – mix 20 gm of metsulfuron, plus 100 ml of a penetrant (such as Pulse or Boost), per 100 L of water.
- If using a knapsack – mix 5 gm of metsulfuron, plus 10 ml of a penetrant (such as Pulse or Boost), per 10 L of water.
- Spray plant foliage and stem from all sides to give complete and uniform coverage.
- If using a stump treatment, cut the brush wattle and then apply an metsulfuron mix of 5 gm of metsulfuron per litre 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.

Guidance on picloram (eg *Vigilant*)

- Best results for controlling brush wattle with picloram are achieved during fine weather at any time of the year. Do not use if rain is likely to fall within 12 hours of application.
- On small plants, cut stem and paste stump with a 305 mm layer of gel to the cut surface.
- On trees, chainsaw the tree down and put vertical slashes into the side of the stump, and apply gel to all open wounded areas of the stump.
- 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.

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