

GREEN CESTRUM

Cestrum parqui

SHRUB

Family Solanaceae**Origin** South AmericaDeclared as a W2 and W3
Noxious Weed in some
shires *

Description An evergreen or deciduous shrub growing to a height of 2.5 m with a spread of 2 m. This species prefers humus-rich, well-drained soils in sunny protected areas. It is drought and frost tender ¹. This species invades hind-dunes, river banks and urban areas ².

Stems/Leaves Erect and slender stems with arching branches ¹. Narrow-elliptic to lanceolate leaves, with entire margins. New shoots and leaf axils are slightly hairy ³.

Flowers Yellow tubular flowers occurring in terminal clusters ¹. Flowers throughout the whole year ³. The flowers tend to be fragrant at night and offensive smelling during the day ¹².

Fruit/Seed Black ovoid (egg shaped) berry 10 to 15 mm long ³. Dispersal is via birds, water, machinery and garden escapees ¹².

Removal techniques

Manual Continuously cutting the shrub and suppressing re-growth from the stumps is effective ².

Chemical Chemical controls are available. Drill or scrape the stem and apply undiluted glyphosate ²².

Notes

This species is toxic to stock if eaten ³.

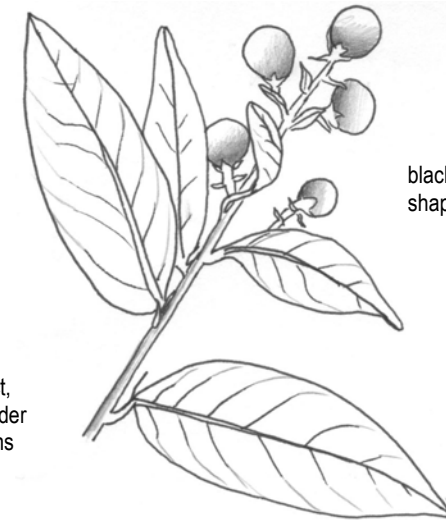
* Declared as a W2 Noxious Weed by Gosford City Council. W2 Noxious Weeds are a threat to agriculture, the environment and community and have the potential to spread. They must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.

* Declared as a W3 Noxious Weed by Lake Macquarie City Council and Wyong Shire Council. W3 Noxious Weeds are a widespread threat to agriculture, the community and environment. They must be prevented from spreading and its numbers and distribution reduced.

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