

**MADEIRA VINE***Anredera cordifolia***CLIMBERS AND  
GROUND COVERS**

Family Basellaceae

Origin South America

**Description** A perennial vine that climbs to a height of 3m. The vine prefers light, sandy well-drained soils in protected and sunny positions. The plant is drought and frost tender<sup>1</sup>. The vine forms thick infestations often smothering trees. It invades hind-dunes, headlands and rainforest<sup>2</sup>. This vine smothers other vegetation<sup>12</sup>.

**Stems/Leaves** Slender and twining stems often reddish in colour<sup>12</sup>. Thick, fleshy, green, heart shaped and acuminate leaves<sup>1</sup>, with small irregular tubers where they join the stem. The stem tubers aid to distinguish this species<sup>12</sup>.

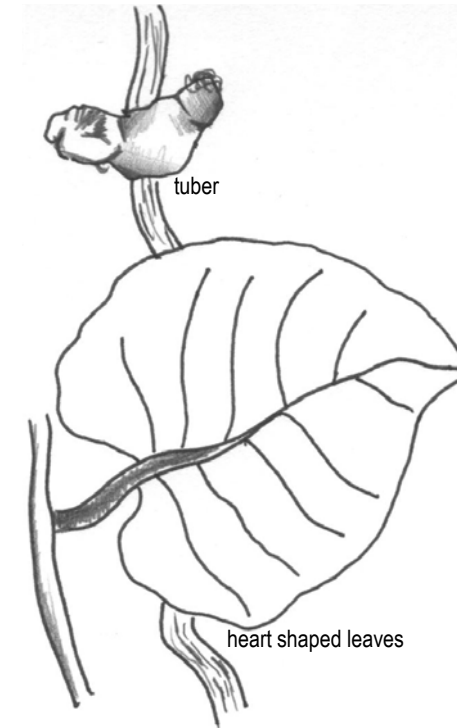
**Flowers** Small, white, fragrant flowers that occur in numerous 30cm long clusters<sup>1</sup>, flowering from January to April<sup>12</sup>.

**Fruit/Seed** Seed not set in Australia<sup>2</sup>.

**Removal techniques**

**Manual** Remove entire plant from the site including all underground and aerial tubers. Aerial tubers can be scraped off the plant using a knife<sup>2</sup>. This vine spreads freely via pieces of rhizome and stem tubers. To dispose of the preferred option is to burn all tubers on site.<sup>12</sup>

**Chemical** Chemical controls are available. The scrape and paint method is effective on the stems<sup>2</sup>. As soon as green sprouts have 2 or 4 leaves apply Roundup to plants and tubers at 2 litres/100 litres Roundup<sup>12</sup>. Spraying is best in early Autumn and follow up maintenance is required<sup>2</sup>. The vine is difficult to kill with herbicide because of the tubers. It is best to remove all tubers from the plant and to spray, monitor closely for regrowth and then spray again. It is best if second and subsequent sprayings occur as soon as green sprouts have enough leaf to convey the herbicide to the tuber. If the leaves area allowed to grow for a longer period they will form new tubers underground<sup>12</sup>.

**MADEIRA VINE***Anredera cordifolia***CLIMBERS AND  
GROUND COVERS***Anredera cordifolia*

**MADEIRA VINE**  
*Anredera cordifolia*

**CLIMBERS AND  
GROUND COVERS**

**MADEIRA VINE**  
*Anredera cordifolia*

**CLIMBERS AND  
GROUND COVERS**