

RHUS TREE

Toxicodendron succedaneum

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Family Anacardiaceae

Origin East Asia

Declared as a W2 Noxious Weed in some shires *

Description A perennial, deciduous, broad domed tree growing up to 8 m in height. This tree is a garden escapee that invades stable bushland ⁸.

Stems/Leaves Bright green coloured leaves that turn red in autumn. The compound, alternate leaves consist of 9-15 broad lanceolate leaflets. The trunk of the tree is a red-brown colour ⁸.

Flowers Small creamy white flowers that flower from late spring to early summer ⁸.

Fruit /Seed Papery brown capsule that is dispersed by birds, such as Currawongs ⁸.

Root system Tap roots and lateral roots that sucker ⁸.

Removal techniques

Manual When removing the plant by hand be sure to remove the main root system. The best time is winter. Care must be taken as allergic reactions may occur ⁸.

Chemical Cut the stump of the tree and paint with glyphosate in the growing months ⁸.

Similar native species

Red Cedar (*Toona ciliata*): A medium to tall deciduous tree easily spotted at a distance during mid winter due to yellow leaves, late winter due to tangled skeletal branches and rosy new leaves in summer. Pale scaly bark, small white-pinkish flowers and brown woody capsules ⁹.

White Cedar (*Melia azedarach*): A small deciduous tree with alge bipinnate leaves that turn yellow before falling in winter. Mauve flowers from October to December. During the winter months the tree has bunches of yellow berries ⁹.

Notes

This tree may cause painful allergic reactions ⁸.

Disturbances such as fire cause the tree to re-shoot from the base ⁸.

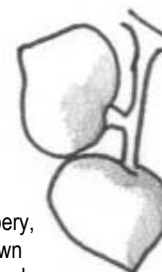
* Declared as a W2 Noxious Weed by Gosford City Council, Lake Macquarie City Council and Wyong Shire Council. W2 Noxious Weeds are a threat to agriculture, the environment and community and have the potential to spread. They must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.

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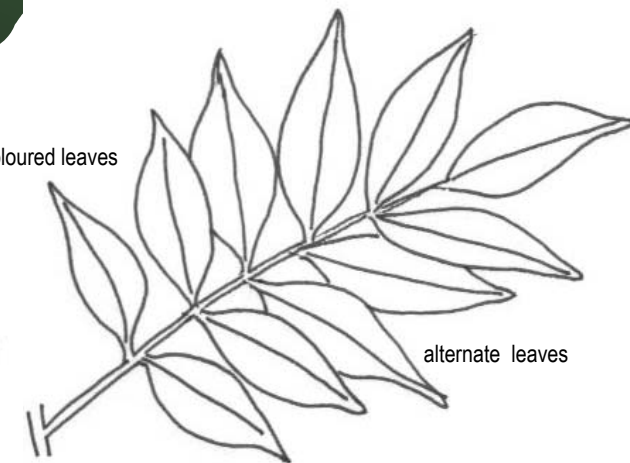
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