

WILD TOBACCO TREE*Solanum mauritianum***SHRUB****Family** Solanaceae**Origin** South America

Description A perennial shrub that grows up to 4m high ⁶. Occurs in disturbed areas, such as roadsides. Also favours rainforest regrowth areas. Thrives in sunny situations and also occurs in coastal areas ⁸.

Stems/Leaves Alternate, simple leaves ovate to narrow ovate in shape ⁸. Leaves are grey-green in colour and densely covered with felty hairs ⁶. Stems are also covered with hairs ⁸.

Flowers Inflorescence branched with numerous violet flowers ⁶ flowering from Autumn to Spring ⁸.

Fruit/Seed Small berry like fruit is a dull yellow colour ⁶ that ripens in Autumn. Dispersal is via birds and bats ⁸.

Root system Taproots and lateral roots ⁸.

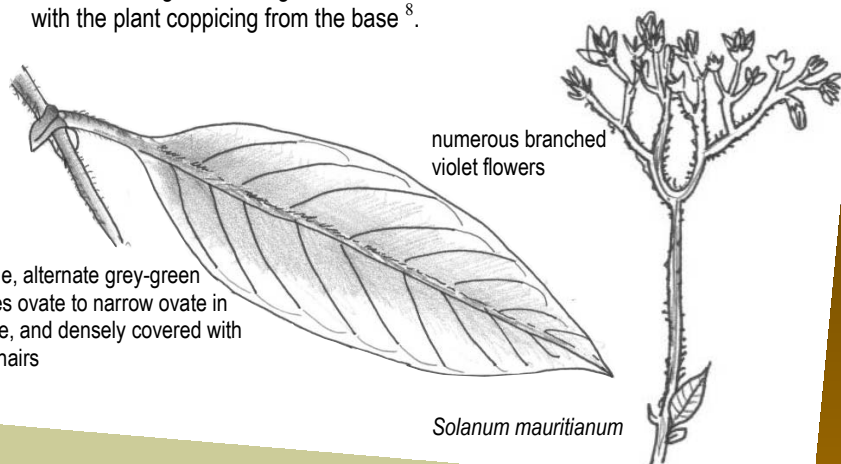
Removal techniques

Manual Remove the plant below the crown. If shaded the plant will die ⁸.

Chemical Chemical controls are available. Spray seedlings with glyphosate at a ratio of 1:100. For mature plants cut the stump and apply undiluted glyphosate ²².

Notes

There is a high level of germination after fire events and mechanical disturbance, with the plant coppicing from the base ⁸.



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