

SUNSHINE COAST INVASIVE SPECIES

Are invasive plants spreading from your garden into the surrounding environment?



A landholder's story

I have found that the biggest challenge when living in the bush is limiting my negative impact on the environment. During my 40+ years of living in Conondale I have witnessed the effect of my past inappropriate gardening practices which has introduced weeds into the forest that have subsequently taken years to eradicate.

While I still love having my exotic flowering favourites, I limit them to gardens closest to the house for ease of monitoring and limit choices to non-invasive species and those not propagated by birds. I now love and prefer my wider native gardens that attract so much wildlife. My favourite at the moment is the native mulberry which is an abundant food source for many birds and also a yummy addition to my muesli bowl every morning.

Di Collier, Conondale

Gardeners, the diversity you are looking for is at your doorstep - here are just some of our beautiful native plants to put in your garden:



Velvet leaf
Callicarpa pedunculata
Image: Greg Brown



Macadamia
Macadamia integrifolia



Hovea
Hovea acutifolia



Hairy bush pea
Pultenaea villosa



Lomandra
Lomandra hystrix



Plum pine
Podocarpus elatus
Image: Glen Leiper



Richmond birdwing butterfly vine
Paristoclochya praevenosa



Midyim Berry
Austromyrtus dulcis

By planting native plants you are helping to protect our biodiversity and create habitat sanctuaries for our wonderful wildlife.

Invasive plants are spread from your garden by....

Wind and water



Cats Claw Creeper

Water and birds



Camphor laurel

Vegetatively and by seed



Water hyacinth

Aerial tubers and plant parts



Madeira Vine

Water, vehicles, machinery, animals, soil and mulch



Giant Rats Tail Grass

Get started today and take these plants out of your garden and stop them spreading into the surrounding environment.

Here are just some of the garden escapees found on the Sunshine Coast - have you seen them?



Balloon vine leaves*
Cardiospermum grandiflorum



Blue morning glory*
Ipomoea indica



Cat's claw creeper*
Macfadyena unguis-cati



Dutchman's pipe*
Aristolochia spp



Madeira vine
Anredera cordifolia



Blue thunbergia*
Thunbergia grandiflora
(syn. *Thunbergia laurifolia*)



Basket asparagus fern*
Asparagus aethiopicus cv. *Sprengeri*



Climbing asparagus*
Asparagus africanus



Mile a minute*
Ipomoea cairica



Singapore daisy*
Sphagneticola trilobata



Creeping lantana
Lantana montevidensis



Kahili ginger*
Hedychium gardnerianum



Broad leaved pepper tree*
Schinus terebinthifolius



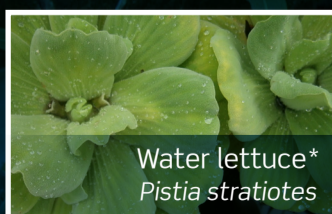
Camphor laurel*
Cinnamomum camphora



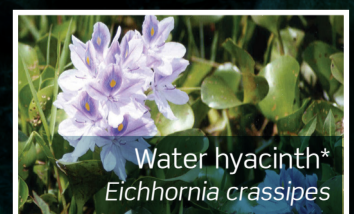
Chinese celtis*
Celtis sinensis



Salvinia
Salvinia molesta



Water lettuce*
Pistia stratiotes



Water hyacinth*
Eichhornia crassipes