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Crofton Weed is About to Shed its Seed Again

By Chris Noon

Crofton is a highly invasive weed: each plant can produce up to 100,000 seeds. It's in this area and has been declared a noxious weed by councils. It can grow up to 1 to 2 metres, see our website for photos and the brochure.

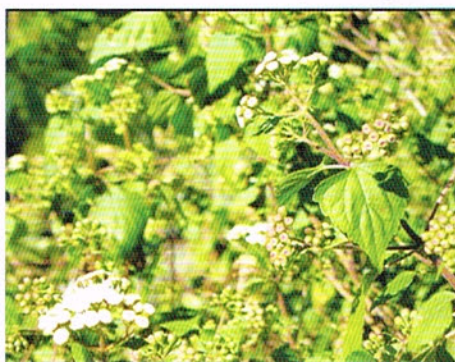
Horses suffer respiratory disease if they eat it, sometimes with fatal results.

What can we do?

Buds begin to form in august and September, so now is the time to act. We can stop the spread by clipping the flower heads and bagging them. Better than this is to remove the whole plant by the roots by hand or trowel.

Herbicide can be used but usually needs a respray after three months.

What is science doing to help?



The CSIRO has developed and released this year a new Crofton Weed Rust Fungus which infects young leaves and stems. It won't eradicate the weed but is expected to help control growth. They have used up supplies this year and will be releasing more in 2016. Let us know if you wish to participate next year. See their website:

<http://www.csiro.au/en/Research/Farming-food/Invasive-pests/>

Biological-control-of-weeds/Managing-Crofton-Weed

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NSW Begonia Society Monthly Meeting

Sunday 20th September, 2015 at 2:00pm.

226 Annangrove Road ANNANGROVE. NSW 2156

This month we are conducting a Propagation Day. Bring your secateurs, gloves and cuttings and learn the correct way to propagate Begonias.

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