



Restore
Hibiscus & Bays

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Climbing Asparagus

Climbing asparagus is a scrambling vine that is capable of smothering and shading out seedlings, eventually creating thick mats throughout the understory and prohibiting indigenous forest regeneration. This vine is able to grow in shaded areas making it a high threat for invading native bush. The berries ripen from green to red-orange and the seed is spread by birds. It can also be spread by dumping of garden waste.

If you notice climbing asparagus on your property, please follow these guidelines.

Email info@restorehb.org.nz with any questions.

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Report

Report the weed using the [EcoTrack.nz](https://www.ecotrack.nz) app.



Spread the Word

Talk to your neighbours and encourage them to take action too!



Remove

Dig out small infestations trying to remove all parts of the root rhizomes. If using herbicides, they're most effective in spring and early summer before the seeds have ripened. Hand pull any climbing vines off non target plants and seedlings before spraying. Spray with glyphosate 20ml/l (plus penetrant). Follow up in three months.



Dispose

Dispose of seeds, berries, rhizomes and roots in your rubbish bin to go to landfill, securely tied inside a plastic bag – to stop it spreading to other areas.



Further Resources

[Process after Reporting Pest Plants](#)

[Health and Safety Guidance](#)

[Other Pest Plant Resources](#)

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