



Restore
Hibiscus & Bays

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Japanese Honeysuckle

Japanese Honeysuckle is a crawling/climbing vine that is capable of shading out and smothering native seedlings, as well as causing canopy collapse by forming dense mats on top of the trees. It is very hardy, tolerant of salt and frost. It is most likely to invade bush margins, disturbed forests and river networks. Japanese honeysuckle also supports habitat for faster growing weeds such as Moth Plant. Light green growth appears in early spring – a good time to control it.

If you notice Japanese Honeysuckle on your property, please take action as soon as possible.

For further guidance and questions, email info@restorehb.org.nz

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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 system. Make a cut at the base of the stem and apply a thin film of Met Gel to both ends of the cut stem. Large vines can be left on the tree. For large infestations and ground cover, foliar spray with 0.5g/l metsulfuron plus penetrant. Follow up in three months.



Dispose

Dispose of any seeds, roots and stem fragments 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](#)

[To borrow tools and equipment, visit our tool library.](#)