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Hibiscus & Bays

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# Madeira Vine

This pesty creeper has reddish stems with small irregular 'warty' aerial tubers. The leaves are heart shaped, glossy, clammy to the touch, and arranged alternately on the stems. It flowers January to April, with lots of slender, drooping, cream-coloured flowerheads about 18 cm long. Madeira Vine forms dense long-lived infestations that smother native plants and dominate the bush at medium to high canopy level. It can even topple small trees.

If you notice madeira vine on your property or in your nearby parks, please follow these guidelines.

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## Recognise

Madeira vine's 'warty' tubers are unmistakable.



## Spread the Word

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



## Remove

Pull out roots. Collect **all** aerial tubers. For larger stems, cut near to the ground and immediately paste a thin film of MetGel on the cut stem (can be purchased at most garden centres or hardware stores). Follow up will be required as it is incredibly persistent.



## Dispose

Put all parts in a securely tied black plastic bag and leave to 'cook' in the sun.



## Further Resources

[Managing Pest Plants](#)

[Health and Safety Guidance](#)

[Other Pest Plant Resources](#)

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