

Common Weeds of the Adelaide Hills

Weeds have been categorised to reflect factors such as invasiveness, potential to spread, ‘perceived’ and ‘actual’ impacts and their environmental, economic and social impact. Some of the more common and emerging pest plants known from the Adelaide Hills Council district fall into one or more of the below categories.

WEED CATEGOREY	CODE	DETAILS
Weeds of National Significance	WoNS	Australia’s most invasive, high impact pest plants. There are national programs and strategies for each of the WoNS.
Declared Weeds	D	These are supported by legislation (<i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i>) as they are those that present a significant threat to agriculture, the environment and public health and safety. Landowners have a legal responsibility to manage these plants.
Alert Weeds	A	Declared plants not yet established in South Australia and pose a serious threat. Landowners must report alert weeds found on their property as early detection is important so the plant can be eradicated before it spreads and becomes a more serious problem. With early and appropriate management, Alert List weeds can be successfully contained or eradicated. See <i>Relevant Contacts</i> below.
Priority Environmental Weeds	E	Invasive exotics which are not restricted to WoNS or Declared plants but are currently considered a local problem or have the potential to become a problem within the district. Many of these are ornamental garden plants which have escaped into the bushland, actively dispersed by wind and water, birds and feral animals such as foxes.

AFRICAN BOXTHORN

Lycium ferocissimum

Must be controlled, banned from sale.

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AFRICAN CORN FLAG

Chasmanthe floribunda

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AFRICAN FEATHERGRASS

Cenchrus macrourus

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AFRICAN LOVEGRASS

Eragrostis curvula

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AGAPANTHAS

E

Agapanthus praecox

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ALEPPO PINE

D

Pinus halepensis

Excludes: when planted and maintained for amenity or commercial purposes.

Must be controlled (unless planted and maintained for amenity or commercial purposes), banned from sale.

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ARTICHOKE THISTLE

E

Cynara cardunculus

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ARUM LILY

D

Zantedeschia aethiopica

Excludes cut flowering stems and Arum Lilies planted and maintained more than 100m from any wetland or watercourse for domestic or commercial purposes.

Must be controlled, plant must not be sold.

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BARNYARD GRASS

Echinochloa crus-galli

E



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BLACK WATTLE

Acacia decurrens

E



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BLACKBERRY

Rubus fruticosus sp. agg.

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Excludes any detached fruit, as well as the following cultivars when planted and maintained for domestic or commercial purposes under conditions approved by the Minister:

- Black Satin
- Dirksen Thornless
- Smoothstem
- Thornfree
- Loch Ness
- Chester Thornless

Must be controlled (doesn't apply to those planted >100m from wetland or watercourse). Plant mustn't be sold.

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BLUE PERIWINKLE

Vinca major

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BLUEBELL CREEPERS

Billardiera fusiformis and *Billardiera heterophylla*

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BONESEED

Chrysanthemoides monilifera

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BRIDAL CREEPER

Asparagus asparagoides

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BULBIL WATSONIA

Watsonia meriana var. *bulbillifera*

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CALTROP

Tribulus terrestris

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CAPE BROOM / MONTPELLIER BROOM ^D

Genista monspessulana

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CAPE IVY ^E

Delairea odorata

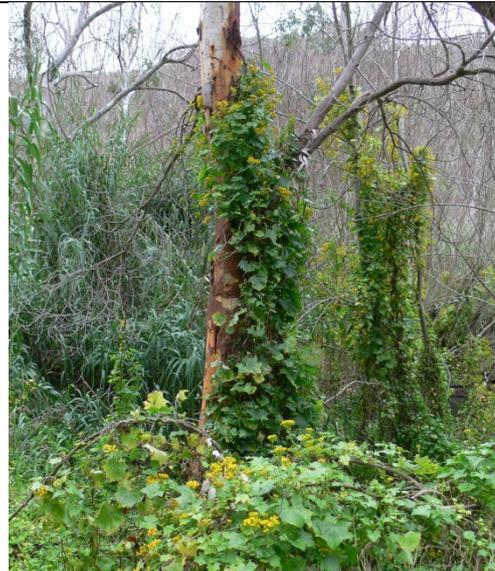


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CAPE WEED ^E

Arctotheca calendula



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CASTOR OIL PLANT

Ricinus communis

E



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CHILEAN and TEXAS NEEDLEGRASS

Nassella neesiana and *Nassella tenuissima*

Notify Landscapes Hills & Fleurieu Board immediately if found. Must be destroyed, banned from sale.

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COCKSFOOT

Dactylis glomerata

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COOLATAI GRASS

D

Hyparrhenia hirta

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COTONEASTER

E

Cotoneaster sp.

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BLACKBERRY NIGHTSHADE

E

Solanum nigrum

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DESERT ASH

D

Fraxinus angustifolia

Excludes the cultivar 'Raywood'.

Must be controlled, banned from sale.
Landowner must control the plant on their land.
NRM authority may recover costs for control of weeds on roadsides from adjoining landowners.

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**DOG ROSE/ WILD ROSE/
SWEET BRIAR**

D

Rosa canina and *Rosa rubiginosa*

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**ENGLISH BROOM/ SCOTCH
BROOM**

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Cytisus scoparius

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ENGLISH IVY

E

Hedera helix

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FALSE CAPER

D

Euphorbia terracina

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FENNEL

Foeniculum vulgare

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FINGER HAKEA

Hakea dactyloides

E



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FLEABANE

Conyza bonariensis

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FOUNTAIN GRASS

D

Cenchrus setaceus

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FREESIA

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Freesia sp.



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GALENIA

E

Galenia pubescens



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GIANT REED

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Arundo donax

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GORSE

Ulex europaeus

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HAWTHORN

Crataegus monogyna

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HOREHOUND

Marrubium vulgare

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ITALIAN BUCKTHORN

Rhamnus alaternus

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KANUKA

Kunzea ericoides

E



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KIKUYU

Cenchrus clandestinus

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MIRROR BUSH

Coprosma repens

Excludes any named cultivars

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MONADENIA/ SOUTH AFRICAN WEED ORCHID

Disa bracteata

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OLIVE

D

Olea europaea

Excludes those planted and maintained for domestic or commercial use.

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ONE-LEAF CAPE TULIP

D

Moraea flaccida

Must be controlled, banned from sale and movement.

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OX-EYE DAISY

E

Leucanthemum vulgare

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PAMPAS GRASSES

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Cortaderia sp.

Excludes *Cortaderia richardii*

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PASPALUM

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Paspalum dilatatum

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PHALARIS

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Phalaris aquatic

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PIN CUSHION

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Scabiosa atropurpurea

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POTATO WEED

E

Heliotropium europaeum



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PRICKLY PEAR

D

Opuntia spp.

Excludes Spineless *Opuntia ficus-indica*

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PURPLE GORSE

E

Muraltia heisteria



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PUSSY TAIL

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Pentaschistis pallida

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RADIATA PINE

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Pinus radiata

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RICE MILLET

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Piptatherum miliaceum

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ROSEMARY GREVILLEA

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Grevillea rosmarinifolia

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SALLOW WATTLE

Acacia longifolia ssp. longifolia

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SALVATION JANE

Echium plantagineum

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SILVERLEAF NIGHTSHADE

Solanum elaeagnifolium

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SMALL FLOWERED MALLOW

Malva parviflora

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SOUR SOB

Oxalis pes capre

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SPANISH HEATH

Erica lusitanica

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SPINY RUSH

Juncus acutus

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STAR-OF-BETHLEHEM

Ornithogalum thyrsoides

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STICKY WATTLE

Acacia howittii

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STINKWORT

Dittrichia graveolens

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SWAMP OAK

Casuarina glauca and *Casuarina obesa*

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SWEET PITTOSPORUM

Pittosporum undulatum

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SYCAMORE MAPLE

Acer pseudoplatanus var. *purpureum*

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TANGIER PEA

Lathyrus tingitanus

E



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THREE-CORNERED GARLIC

Allium triquetrum

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TREE HEATH / BERRY HEATH

Erica arborea and *Erica baccans*

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TREE LUCERNE / TAGASASTE

E

Chamaecytisus palmensis



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TWO-LEAF CAPE TULIP

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Moraea miniata

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WANDERING JEW

E

Tradescantia fluminensis



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WILD ARTICHOKE

D

Cynara cardunculus

Excludes plants grown as a commercial crop or in domestic vegetable gardens, and artichokes harvested for use as a vegetable.

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WILLOW-LEAF HAKEA

Hakea salicifolia ssp. salicifolia

E



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WILLOWS

Salix spp.

Excludes *Salix babylonica*, *Salix calodendron* and *Salix reichardtii*

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WIWEED

Polygonum aviculare

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WONNICH

Callistachys lanceolata

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