

Boneseed

Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. monilifera

- Grows to about 2-3m (or taller),
- Fleshy leaves are an elongated oval shape with toothed edges, young leaves are softer often covered with a white cottony down,
- The bright yellow, daisy flowers have 5-8 petals and grow in clusters at branch tip,
- Fruits are round, green berries that ripen to black.
- Boneseed flowers in spring & early summer (Sept-Dec).



non-flowering shrub



Flowers



Declared weed under the Biosecurity Act 2019

REMOVING BONESEED

By hand

- Small plants and seedlings are easy to hand pull due to their shallow roots. If the plants have seeds, dispose of them by double-bagging the seed heads and disposing in general waste only, not green waste. Alternatively, plants can be left on site to break down.

Cut stump method

- Cut stems as low to the ground as possible and paint undiluted Glyphosate on the stump within 15 seconds.

Foliar spraying

- A number of herbicides are effective on boneseed, including Clopyralid (eg. Lontrel) and Metsulfuron-methyl (eg. Associate) which are also low toxicity. The addition of a wetting agent or penetrant will also improve uptake of these herbicides. Cover all of the foliage with herbicide.



IMPACTS

Boneseed is a serious environmental weed and is a Weed of National Significance (WONS). It can form dense thickets several metres high which exclude most native understorey species and prevent their regeneration. In such situations the native fauna may also be affected by the loss habitat and food sources. This aggressive species has spread rapidly and is invading conservation areas in southern Australia, replacing entire ecosystems.

BONESEED LOCATION

Boneseed can invade the understorey of a range of habitats, but is particularly invasive in coastal areas from Tarooma to Snug. A regional containment line has been supported by many Southern Councils in an effort to prevent further spread of this highly invasive weed.

For Kingborough, the boneseed containment line is Snug River. This means that any boneseed found south of Snug River or on Bruny Island is targeted for eradication.

If you see boneseed in these areas please report sightings to Council.