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Cat's Claw Creeper Crusade

The Cat's Claw Creeper Crusade program is a Noosa Landcare initiative working with our community to help slow the spread and impact of Cat's Claw Creeper and Madeira Vine in the Noosa Shire.

How you can get involved

Report sightings of Cat's Claw Creeper and Madeira Vine in the Noosa Shire via our online form to help us better capture the distribution of these invasive vines and prioritise our resources for maximum impact.

Have Cat's Claw Creeper or Madeira Vine on your property? Please take steps to manage the infestation and help slow the spread. Queensland Government fact sheets provide information on control methods. If you require support with control works and technical advice please fill out the 'Report an infestation' online form and a Project Officer will get in touch with you.

Financial support for control works may be available to landholders through the Cat's Claw Creeper Crusade and Noosa Council programs. Funding support is competitive and is based on priorities identified in the Cat's Claw Creeper Vine Management Strategies for the Noosa Shire.

Join one of our hands on practical workshops and working bees to help you better manage Cat's Claw on your property. These events are in partnership with Mooloolah River Landcare and MRCCC and will include field demonstrations of the different control methods for the vine, including biological control. Event information will be released on our socials and website.

Report an infestation!



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What is Cat's Claw?

Cat's Claw Creeper Vine (*Macfadyena unguis-cati*), originating in Central and South America, is an aggressive climbing vine, once commonly used as an ornamental plant in Queensland gardens.

In October and November, you will see flushes of yellow flowers in the canopies of infested shrubs and trees along roadsides, creeks and edges of bushland. Its aggressive growth habit and vigorous root and tuber system allows it to establish quickly if left unmanaged. The vine produces prolific papery-winged seeds and can also establish via tuber dispersal during flood events.



Why it is a problem?

Cat's Claw Creeper Vine is now one of the key invasive weed species threatening the integrity and function of local waterways within the Noosa and adjacent shires. It is known as a 'transformer' weed as it can transform the composition and structure of entire vegetation communities.

Without management Cat's Claw smothers ground and canopy vegetation, kills trees, exposes waterways to light and increases the risk of erosion. Cat's Claw Creeper Vine threatens remnant corridors of the Critically Endangered rainforest communities in the upper Noosa and Mary River Catchments. These areas are home to threatened species including the Mary River Cod, Giant Barred Frog, Coxen's Fig Parrot, Southern Penda and Jointed Baloghia.



Madeira Vine

Madeira Vine (*Anredera cordifolia*) is a vigorous climber and another serious transformer weed that can degrade intact native forests, completely altering the environments it dominates.

This takes similar priority for control as Cat's Claw Creeper Vine and is included in this program.

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