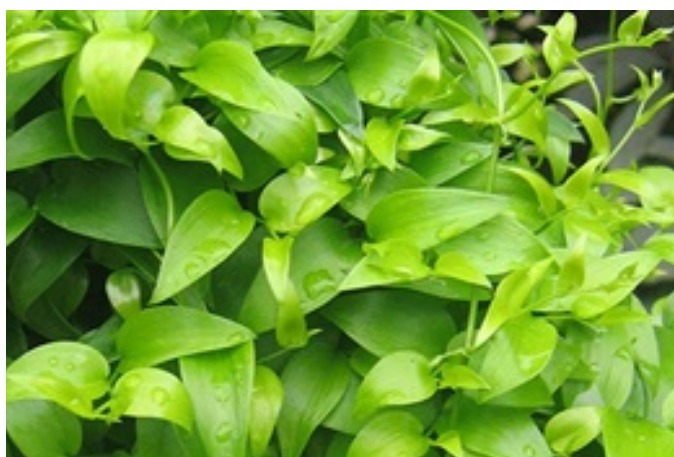


# Bridal Creeper

(*Asparagus asparagoides*)

## Declared Plant Requiring Management

Listed under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007



### Why is it a problem?

It became common as a weed along roadsides, in town allotments, orchards and citrus groves, waste places and disturbed scrubland close to habitation.

Bridal creeper invades dry coastal vegetation, heath land and healthy woodland, mallee shrubland, lowland grassland and grassy woodland, dry sclerophyll forest and woodland, damp sclerophyll forest, riparian vegetation, rock outcrop vegetation, and warm temperate rainforest.

It can invade undisturbed bushland as its seeds are spread by birds. Bridal creeper is frost tolerant and its perennial root system enables it to survive summer drought. Biological control agents have been released for bridal creeper.

### What does it look like?

#### Stems

Bridal creeper is a climbing herb or vine to three metres, arising from a short rhizome attached to tuberous roots.

#### Leaves

The adult foliage of bridal creeper is not that of true leaves but flattened leaf-like appendages called cladodes or phylloclades that arise from the base of the true leaves, which are reduced to scales. The cladodes are stalkless, dull to glossy green, ovate to broadly lanceolate (shaped like the head of a lance), 10 to 70 millimetres long, 4 to 30 millimetres wide and have delicate parallel venation with no apparent midrib.

#### Flowers

It has creamy white flowers with six petals, which are borne on stems in ones and twos along the climbing stems or branches.

#### Fruit

Bright red fleshy berries.

#### Seed

Each berry with one to four shiny black seeds, but occasionally with more.

### How do we control it?

Chemical control information can be found here:

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/herbicides/bridal-creeper-control>

Disposal in the general waste bin and not in green waste bin is recommended.



### Where can landowners find more information?

For more information please visit the Department of Agriculture and Food's Website: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/pests-weeds-diseases/weeds> or contact them direct on 1300 374 731.

Additionally, you can find more information on the Shire of Northam's website: [www.northam.wa.gov.au](http://www.northam.wa.gov.au) or contact the Environmental Sustainability Officer on [9622 6100](tel:96226100).