

# WAR\*ON\*WEEDS



Hundreds of invasive weed species are smothering our native forests, wetlands and coastal areas, harming our wildlife and transforming our natural landscapes. Many are attractive-looking plants that have escaped from the garden to invade our bush and forests.

*There are 12 problem weeds that you and your community can join forces to help us bring under control:*



**Lantana**  
*Lantana camara*

→ Spreads into dense thickets and outcompetes native plants



**Woolly nightshade**  
*Solanum mauritanium*

→ Fast growing shrub/small tree; dense growth blocks out light slowing regeneration



**Buddleia**  
*Buddleja davidii*

→ Small tree takes over threatened habitats and riverbeds



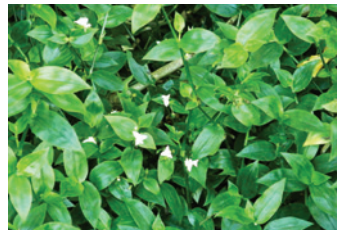
**Wild ginger**  
*Hedychium gardnerianum*

→ Quickly spreads in dense thickets, blocking light and choking native plants



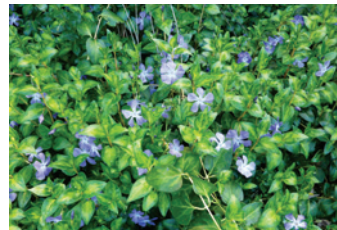
**English ivy**  
*Hedera helix*

→ Clings and climbs across lowland forest, coastlines, cliffs and tussockland



**Wandering willie**  
*Tradescantia fluminensis*

→ Smothers ground in shady forest areas, preventing native seedlings from establishing



**Periwinkle**  
*Vinca major, Vinca minor*

→ Dense mats cover the ground crowding out all other plants



**Climbing asparagus**  
*Asparagus scandens*

→ Covers forest floor and smothers soft-barked shrubs and trees



**Old man's beard**  
*Clematis vitalba*

→ Lowland forest invasive climber, dominating the tree canopy and completely smothering trees



**Moth plant**  
*Araujia hortorum*

→ Vine invades lowland forest, climbing over trees and forest canopies



**Banana passionfruit**  
*Passiflora tarminiana, P. tripartita*

→ Rampant vines form large masses in forest canopy, blocking light and smothering native plants



**Spartina**  
*Spartina alterniflora, S. anglica, Spartina x townsendii*

→ Thicket grass chokes estuaries and rivers, traps sediment, drains water and destroys habitats

The Department of Conservation needs your help to wage a War on Weeds that are threatening our precious plants, places and wildlife. For more information visit: [www.doc.govt.nz/waronweeds](http://www.doc.govt.nz/waronweeds)

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