

# LISTED WEEDS IN MOIRA SHIRE



## **KHAKI WEED**

*Alternanthera pungens* Kunth

Regionally Controlled in the Goulburn Broken Catchment

Khaki Weed is a prostrate, creeping perennial herb. It is a prolific seeder with seeds staying viable, in the soil, for years. New plants develop from stem nodes and seed dispersal. Seeds and prickly burrs are dispersed via equipment, tyres, animals, foot traffic, clothing.



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## **PATERSON'S CURSE**

*Echium plantaginium L.*

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Paterson's Curse is an annual herb that grows as a rosette in autumn/winter and produces purple flowering stalks in spring/summer. They seed prolifically and can be carried by vehicles/machinery, foot traffic, water, animals, on clothing and in agricultural seed.



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## **AFRICAN BOXTHORN**

*Lycium ferocissimum* Miers

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African Boxthorn is a round, woody, dense-branched and thorny large bush up to 5m high. It reproduces by seed which, are spread by birds. Plants and seeds grow rapidly year round. Plants attract fruit fly, dried fruit beetle, tomato fly and house fly.



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## **CALTROP**

*Tribulus terrestris L.*

Regionally Controlled in the Goulburn Broken Catchment

Caltrop is a flat, spreading annual (summer) herb.

The fruit spreads via machinery, vehicles tyres, animals, human footwear.

They can bear 20,000 seeds per plant. Seeds can remain dormant in the soil for many years.



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## **HOREHOUND**

*Marrubium vulgare L.*

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Horehound is a multi-stemmed, soft-wood, perennial herb of 60cm in height. It grows prolifically along roadsides, cropping fringes and bushland.

It has a burr-like calyx that sticks to passing animals, humans, machinery and vehicles. Seeds spread via water, fodder contaminant and droppings.



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## **PRAIRIE GROUND CHERRY**

*Physalis hederifolia* A. Gray

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Prairie Ground Cherry is a perennial herb that grows to 25-60cm high.

It spreads by cultivation and root spread.

The fruit is spread by water and wind.

Birds, foxes and stock eat the fruit, once passed through the stomach it

germinates in soil. Cut pasture crops also can spread the seed, if it grows nearby.

A plant



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## **AFRICAN LOVEGRASS**

*Eragrostis curvula*

Regionally Controlled in the Goulburn Broken Catchment

African Lovegrass is a densely tufted perennial grass, growing up to 20-120cm in height.

Seeds germinate in autumn/spring.

These can be spread via wind, animals, machinery, vehicles in crops and by humans.

It can spread across over-grazed pasture and vegetation sparse areas.

