

Lippia - *Phyla canescens*

Form: Low-growing prostrate perennial herb, forming mats.

Leaves: Paired, 1-3cm long, oval, flat to the ground and grey-green.

Flowers: Spring to autumn when ground is moist. Flat clusters of 2-3mm long white to pinkish tubular flowers

Fruits: Dry rounded fruits c. 2mm across. Seeds spread by water, in soil, on vehicles and stock.

Impacts: Severe. Crowds out and suppresses native herbs and grasses. Mats make creek banks unstable and can lead to bank erosion

Control: Very difficult. Spot spray and plant shrubs and trees.

Ongoing management: Check area every second year and control new and regenerating plants before flowering.



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