

Prickly Solanum - *Solanum sisymbriifolium*

Form: Very prickly annual or short-lived woody herb up to 1.5m tall

Leaves: Very prickly, deeply divided, up to 25cm long, dark green.

Flowers: Summer; in terminal clusters, white to pale mauve, tomato-like, 3-5cm across.

Fruits: Summer to autumn; orange to red, tomato-like, 1.5-2cm across; seeds probably spread by birds and animals.

Impacts: Slight. Usually scattered, sometimes dense after fire; conspicuous very prickly exotic, impedes movement.

Control: Uncomfortable. Seedlings - uproot by hand, using gloves. Larger plants - dig out or careful spot spray before flowering.

Ongoing management: Check area in spring each year and control new and regenerating plants before flowering.



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