

Wandering jew - *Tradescantia fluminensis*

Form: Weak fleshy perennial mat-forming herb.

Leaves: Alternate, oval, smooth-edged, 3-5cm long with hairy leaf sheath.

Flowers: Spring and summer. White, three-petalled, 5-10mm across, single along stems.

Fruits: Not seen. The stems break readily when handled, the plant regrowing from fragments left behind.

Impacts: Forms thick mats which smother native herbs and grasses.

Control: Carefully pull plants up and either hang above ground to dry out or collect all fragments into bags for disposal. Foliar spray or gel with roller. See DPI Fact Sheet for current herbicide recommendations.

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



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