

## Harrisia cactus - *Harrisia martini*

**Form:** Prostrate to upright cactus with slender six-ribbed very thorny jointed stems, forming mats to 0.5m thick. Stems root on contact with the ground.

**Leaves:** None, replaced by dense 2-3cm long sharp white thorns at the areoles.

**Flowers:** Summer. Pink, funnel-shaped, multi-petalled, 10-15cm long, opening at night.

**Fruits:** Autumn. Prickly red globular fruits 3-5cm across, with white pulp and black seeds. Seeds spread by animals and birds.

**Impacts:** Injurious and prevents access. Class 2 Declared Plant (June 2010).

**Control:** Collect stems and dig out roots and tubers, removing and destroying both. Spray actively growing plants. See DPI Fact Sheet for current herbicide recommendations.

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



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