

Small-leaved or Chinese privet - *Ligustrum sinense*

Form: Evergreen usually multi-stemmed shrub 2-4m tall.

Leaves: Paired, oval, 3-5m long and finely hairy, as are the twigs.

Flowers: Spring. Dense 10-15cm long clusters of white strongly scented flowers, each 0.5cm across.

Fruits: Summer and autumn. Blue-black berries about 5mm long. Seeds spread by birds.

Impacts: Invades native bushland and can become dense. Flower scent sometimes allergenic. Class 3 Declared Plant (June 2010). An occasional hedge plant in the Region which should be discouraged or replaced where possible.

Control: Seedlings: pull out. Established plants: dig out with taproot (may regrow from roots), basal bark, cut stump or spot spray. See DPI Fact Sheet for current herbicide recommendations.

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

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