

## Brazilian nightshade - *Solanum seaforthianum*

**Form:** Slender branched woody evergreen climbing vine to 5m tall.

**Leaves:** Single along stems, bright green, 10-15cm long, deeply divided into 3-9 pointed lobes.

**Flowers:** Summer. Conspicuous clusters of purple potato-like 2-3cm wide flowers among leaves.

**Fruits:** Summer and autumn. Conspicuous bunches of shiny bright red berries c 1cm across. Seeds spread by birds.

**Impacts:** Slight to significant. Conspicuous exotic. Climbs over and may smother native shrubs and trees. An occasional ornamental garden vine.

**Control:** Seedlings-pull up. Larger plants - dig out or cut stump and poison.

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

