

Be weed aware

Mimosa (*Mimosa pigra*)

Mimosa grows up to 6 m high, forming dense and thorny thickets which are inaccessible to humans and animals. The prickly stem is greenish in young plants, becoming woody as the plant matures. The plant forms aerial roots when growing in standing water.

The fernlike green leaves fold together when touched. Flower heads are round fluffy balls consisting of up to 100 small pink to mauve flowers.

Seed pods are 6-8 cm long, turning brown and breaking into segments when mature. Seeds within the pods are oblong, flat and brown or green.



Salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*)

Salvinia is a free-floating aquatic fern that can grow rapidly to form a dense mat over the water surface, severely modifying aquatic habitat for fauna, including birds, fish and invertebrates.

Individual plants are between 5–30 cm long, with 'leaves' (fronds) in whorls of 3 at each node, consisting of a pair of floating leaves and a submerged modified leaf that looks like and functions as a root.

The upper surface of the 'leaves' are covered in waxy stiff hairs that are shaped like egg beaters.



Noogoora burr (*Xanthium occidentale*)

Noogoora burr is a branched annual plant growing up to 2 m in height. Its fleshy stems can be green to purplish in colour, with a rough texture. The rough leaves are dark green, alternate, 10 to 15 cm in diameter with three to five irregular toothed lobes.

Noogoora burr has small and inconspicuous pale green flowers. Flowers grow in leaf axils and produce clusters of burrs on short stalks.

The oval shaped burrs are 15-20 mm long, 5-8 mm wide, and covered in small woody spines. There are 2 rigid spines at one end of the fruit.



Always check your vehicle, boat, trailer, quad bike and camping gear to ensure you are not carrying weeds or seeds.

To report weed sightings or for further information contact the Weed Management Branch on **8999 4567**, email weedinfo.nretas@nt.gov.au or visit www.nt.gov.au/weeds