

Weed of National Significance

Parthenium weed

Managing grazing after drought is vital



Healthy pastures

can turn
from this



Drought

to this



Parthenium infestation

Parthenium weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*)

is a fast-growing annual that can produce up to 15 000 seeds per plant.

Why parthenium is one of Australia's worst weeds:

- it causes allergic reactions, severe contact dermatitis, hayfever and asthma
- it significantly reduces pasture production and increases management costs
- it can taint milk and sheep meat and is toxic to cattle
- it displaces native grassland plants and animals.

How you can help to stop its spread

- maintain hygiene on your property: check vehicles, machinery, stock, grain and fodder for seeds
- use washdown facilities where available
- be vigilant and control outbreaks early
- for established infestations use integrated management controls such as chemicals, grazing management and biological control.



For further information contact your local government or departmental weeds officer or visit www.weeds.org.au

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