

Weeds of National Significance

Ulex europaeus

Gorse

plot your course against gorse!



Gorse is a prickly, perennial, deep-rooted, evergreen legume that can grow up to 6 metres high.

Why it's one of our worst weeds

- dramatically reduces stocking rates
- forms dense thickets, reducing access by stock, wildlife and people
- harbours pests such as rabbits, feral cats and foxes
- threatens bushland, conservation areas and wildlife
- is highly flammable

How you can help

- stop its spread - prevent flowering, seeding and moving seed-infested soil
- combine mechanical, chemical and biocontrol methods
- monitor regularly and treat all regrowth

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


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