



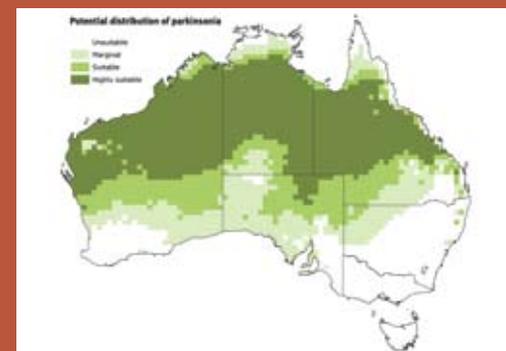
# Parkinsonia— a weed of national significance

## The parkinsonia threat

Parkinsonia (*Parkinsonia aculeata*) is a thorny shrub native to tropical America. It currently infests over three million hectares and has the potential to invade more than 70% of mainland Australia. Parkinsonia is primarily spread by water movement of seed pods.

The impacts of parkinsonia include:

- reduced pasture production and stock-carrying capacity
- difficulty in mustering and restricted access to water
- habitat destruction and a loss of biodiversity
- choked watercourses and seasonally wet areas
- restriction of traditional use of land and rivers
- provision of a refuge for feral animals.



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# Identifying parkinsonia



Parkinsonia plant



Parkinsonia flowers



Parkinsonia pods

## What can I do?

- Learn to identify parkinsonia.
- Identify potential sources of parkinsonia invasion (particularly upstream infestations).
- Monitor areas susceptible to the establishment of parkinsonia.
- Seek advice and implement a control plan.
- Coordinate control activities with neighbouring properties.



## More information

Contact your local weeds officer or visit the website [www.weeds.gov.au](http://www.weeds.gov.au)



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