

## How YOU can help stop the spread!

- Clean the underside of your vehicle and trailer at a vehicle wash-down facility before entering and after leaving an area with bellyache bush
- Check clothing and camping equipment for bellyache bush seeds or fruit.
- Check trailers, tyres and other recreational equipment that may have been in contact with the weed.



- Stay within the confines of designated camping areas and roadways to prevent further degradation to vegetation and soil and to assist with prevention of seed dispersal.
- Don't collect seeds, fruits or leaves.
- Don't sweep your horse float out in the bush.



- Remove weed seeds from animals by brushing them thoroughly and cleaning horses' hooves before and after you travel.
- Report any sightings to the local weeds officer.
- Be a smart and caring traveller by familiarising yourself with weeds of the state/territory you are travelling in.



**For further information  
or to report a sighting contact:**  
**Queensland 13 25 23**  
**Northern Territory 08 8999 4567**  
**Western Australia 08 9368 3333**

[www.weeds.org.au/WONS/bellyachebush](http://www.weeds.org.au/WONS/bellyachebush)



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**Make sure your  
recreational activities  
don't spread  
BELLYACHE BUSH!**

**In the dry tropics of northern Australia, some of our outdoor recreational activities can contribute to the introduction and spread of the Weed of National Significance, Bellyache Bush.**



**Bellyache bush (*Jatropha gossypiifolia*) is an introduced, aggressive, weedy plant that can grow up to 4 metres tall along rivers and creeks.**

It can have significant economic, environmental and social impacts as it forms dense infestations.



### **Be aware when you travel and help prevent the spread of bellyache bush!**

Camping and four wheel driving, in particular, can accidentally spread seeds when they stick to clothing and vehicles and when seed in soil is transported on tyres.

Recreational use of rivers, riparian zones and camping areas can contribute to the spread and establishment of bellyache bush when soil and vegetation are disturbed.

Dense patches of bellyache bush can impact on YOUR recreational use by restricting access for hunting, fishing, camping, horse riding and bushwalking.



### **Beware – a toxic weed!**

Bellyache bush is highly toxic to humans and animals. Ingesting any part of the plant can cause gastrointestinal irritation and is potentially fatal. Mild cases of poisoning can also occur through failure to wash hands after handling the plant.

All parts of bellyache bush are highly toxic and potentially fatal if consumed.

Symptoms of poisoning include acute intestinal pain and a burning sensation in the throat approximately 30 minutes after consumption, followed by severe nausea and vomiting.

Seek urgent medical attention if you suspect bellyache bush poisoning has occurred.

