

BONESEED

(*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *monilifera*)

THIS PLANT IS A WEED OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Boneseed is a woody shrub that has bright yellow flowers. It is a fast-growing environmental weed that outcompetes native plants and forms dense stands in bushland.

This weed smothers native ground cover and shrubs, and outcompetes native seedlings. It reduces habitat and food for native animals and is a threat to endangered ecological communities found in the Camden area, including the Cumberland Shale Plains Woodland.

KEY FEATURES:

- An upright woody shrub that grows up to 3m in height;
- Alternate oval shaped leaves with toothed edges up to 9cm long;
- Yellow daisy like flowers in clusters at the end of branches;
- Produces fleshy fruit that ripen from green to black; and
- Seeds can remain viable for up to 10 years.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

- Animals eat the fruit and disperse the seeds;
- Dispersal of seeds by contaminated vehicles, equipment and machinery; and
- Through contaminated landscape supplies e.g. soil.

If you see this plant, report it immediately to Camden Council's Biosecurity Officer on 13 22 63 or by emailing council@camden.nsw.gov.au, or contact NSW Department of Primary Industries.

For more information visit weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Boneseed

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