

Angled Onion

Series: Environmental Weed Factsheet
Ranked 27 — Worst weed in Yarra Ranges



Common Name: Angled Onion

Botanical Name: *Allium triquetrum*

Origin: Mediterranean region

Size: 30 cm ~ 50 cm H, 30 cm W

Flowers: August to November

Fruits: September to November

Status: Declared Noxious Weed

Best removal time:
Late Winter to Mid Spring

How to dispose of weeds:

Recovery & Transfer centres:

- Healesville
- Wesburn
- Coldstream
- Lysterfield

Note: For a free tip voucher to dispose weeds, contact the Environment Dept. on 1300 368 333. Limited availability.

OR

Fortnightly Garden Organics Bin Service. *Note: This service is only available to properties within eligible service areas. For more information, contact the Waste Management services on 1300 368 333.*

OR

Bundled green waste service. *Note: Check your Residential Recycling & Waste guide for details of the next service in your area.*

What it does...

Angled Onion thrives in damp semi shaded areas along stream banks, roadsides, bushlands and gardens. It can tolerate windy conditions. The leaves and stems have a strong onion-like smell when crushed.

These plants are known to smother and displace indigenous grasses and groundcovers preventing seed germination and bush regeneration.

Its presence is seasonal and it is only visible from mid winter to early summer. Therefore large infested areas can remain bare of vegetation for up to six months of the year, increasing chances of soil erosion.

It is known to impart a strong onion flavour and odour to dairy products and meats when allowed to grow in grazing areas.

How it spreads...

- has a white bulb, which has many *bulblets* that form beside the main bulb during flowering time, developing in the soil ready to emerge next season.
- produces seeds which are easily transported by water, machinery (e.g. lawnmowers) and soil movement.
- illegal dumping of garden wastes in bushlands, along roadsides and waterways.
- is occasionally (illegally) sold as a plant at fetes and club fundraisers. Buyer beware!

How to remove it...



HAND: this is only practical for small clumps of the weed. It is important to fork out **all** bulbs from beneath the soil. This is best done in early to late winter. Continuous and regular brush cutting will remove it as well, but this must be done before seeds are set.



SPRAY: spray with a glyphosate-based product. The most effective time to spray is mid-winter to early-spring before or at the start of the flowering cycle.



DIG OUT: dig out patches of angled onion using a garden fork. Remove soil from around the bulbs and put into bags for safe disposal. Follow up each year until area is clear. The most effective removal of Angled Onion is before, or as, flowers appear and when parent plant is exhausted.

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Indigenous alternatives to plant...

Many groundcover and lily alternatives indigenous to the Yarra Ranges region are available and would make great substitutes for Angled Onion.

Some alternatives include:



Forest Hound's Tongue, *Austrocynoglossum latifolium*



Swamp Daisy, *Allitia cardiocarpa*



Milkmaids, *Burchardia umbellata*



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Useful websites

The following is a list of useful information resources:

- For a list of indigenous plant nurseries, see [Indigenous Plant Nurseries list](#).
- For a list of other weeds in Yarra Ranges, see [Environmental Weeds list](#).
- For a list of chemical/herbicide contractors, see [Contractor and supplier list](#).
- For descriptions of the local plants and the weeds of the Shire of Yarra Ranges see www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/plants



WARNING IF USING CHEMICALS

If you are weeding, all chemical use must be done as per manufacturers' guidelines. Ensure that you wear protective clothing/eye wear at all times. Take care and protect yourself, your family, pets and the natural environment (waterways, indigenous plants, wildlife) from coming into contact with chemicals.

When purchasing your herbicide always ask for a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Product suppliers are required to make these sheets available at the point of sale. If a sheet is not available, notify the product manufacturer and the state authority. For further information go to www.apvma.gov.au or call the Poisons Information Service on 13 11 26.

For information on State-listed noxious weeds contact the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) on 136 186. Remember, as a landowner you are required by State law to control and remove noxious weeds on your land.