

# Red Root



**Common Name:** Red Root

**Botanical Name:** Wachendorfia thyrsiflora

**Origin:** South Africa

**Size:** Clumps to 2.4m H

## How to dispose 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...

Red Root is an aggressive invader of damp areas and waterways. It out competes the native vegetation and increases flooding resulting in poor water quality.

## How it spreads...

This plant spreads mainly by seed that is easily dispersed by water, along waterways where it can infest areas downstream.

## How to remove it...



**SPRAY:** Using herbicide on the plant is possible. Please contact your local chemical supplier for professional advice.



**DIG OUT:** Ensure that all root matter is removed when digging this plant out. The soil should be moist as this is a preferred habitat of the plant, which should make removal a bit easier. If the plant is in the waterway, try to cause the least amount of disturbance as possible and try to plan the removal outside of rain events where water flow may be increased, as this may assist erosion. It would be best to contact Melbourne Water for support/advice on 131 722.

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## Indigenous alternatives to plant...

Many alternatives exist that are indigenous to the Yarra Ranges region and would make great substitutes for the Red Root.

Some alternatives include:



Tall Sedge or *Carex appressa*



## 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](#).

## 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](http://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.