

Turkey Rhubarb



General Information

Common name: Turkey Rhubarb.

Scientific name: *Acetosa sagittata*

Where do I find it? Weed of mainly disturbed sites in deep moist gullies, rainforests and sandy riverbanks.

Why is it a problem?

A climbing vine which can smother native plants, blocking out light and competing for nutrients.

Identification and Description

Growth form: Perennial, robust scrambling climber. Climbing stems greater than 1m long.

Height: Vine can cover other vegetation to a considerable height.

Leaf: Soft, hairless, alternate, and have both stalks and stipules.

Flower: Cream. Spring.

Fruit: Papery with three wings, straw colour at maturity.

Best control methods (see pages 61-66 of this booklet)

Treatment: This plant has large tubers which need to be removed. This often takes considerable digging. Chemical controls are available. Spraying with glyphosate is the most effective, though stem scraping has been known to work well.

Native species similar in appearance

- None locally.