

Noxious Weeds and what to do with them

These weeds should **NOT** be put in the brown garden waste bins or in the green skips at household waste sites.

Giant Hogweed

It is highly unlikely to find this in domestic gardens. It mainly grows in the wild along stream and river banks.

What it looks like

- Grows up to 5 metres in height
- Hollow stem with dark red blotches
- Dark green leaves, up to 1.5 metre long, jagged and spiky at end
- Many hundred white flowers in June & July making up 1 flower head.



Leaf



Flower



Stem

Control

- It can be sprayed with glyphosate. Spraying should start in March and continue through the summer. In following years more spraying maybe required to kill seedlings.
- Cut plant matter can be burnt on site.
- If spraying or burning is not possible it can be doubled bagged and landfilled.



General
Arrangement

Ragwort

Ragwort is a biennial plant. In the first year it grows at ground level as a crown. In the second year it grows upwards and flowers.

What it looks like

- Grows up to 1 metre in height
- Woody stems which are red at the base
- Dark green, frilly leaves
- Produces yellow flowers which look like daises



Crown



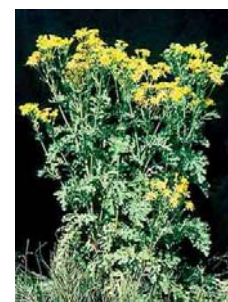
Leaf



Flower

Control

- Ragwort can be sprayed using 2, 4 D amine during the early growing season (March). This is most effective if done during the crown stage.
- Cut plant matter should be burnt if possible.
- Ultimately it can be doubled bagged and landfilled.



General
Arrangement

Himalayan Balsam

What it looks like

- Can grow up to 3 metres in height
- Stem is a pinky red colour and hollow
- Leaves are spear shaped with jagged edges
- Flowers are purple to pale pink and appear from June - October



Leaf



Stem



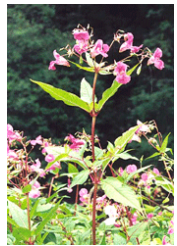
Seed Pods



Flower

Control

- This weed can be sprayed with glyphosate or 2, 4 D amine during early spring whilst the plant is growing.
- Cut plant matter should be burnt if possible. Plants should only be cut just before the flowering stage in early June. Earlier cutting can result in increased plant growth.
- If spraying or burning is not possible plant matter can be doubled bagged and landfilled.



General Arrangement