

Controlling pest tree invaders



Pest tree invaders

Identified in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy.

These pest trees are spreading in our region. Their seeds or vegetative materials, are invading native habitats and are compromising the biodiversity of; alpine grasslands, forests, shrub lands, dunes or wetlands.

Lodgepole Pine – *Pinus contorta*

Western North America

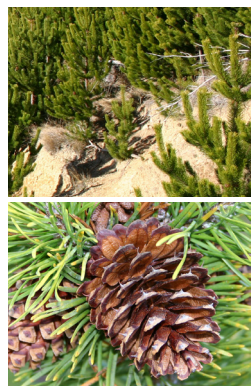
Regional surveillance plant

Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings. Fell trees.

Drill and fill – An effective herbicide is not available for this method of control, however a new herbicide trial is currently underway.

Basal spray – Using X Tree® Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter. ONLY SUITABLE FOR TREES LESS THAN 150 MM DIAMETER.

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Other pest tree invaders

Alder – *Alnus glutinosa*

Eurasia, North Africa

Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell tree and paint stump top with Vigilant® Herbicide Gel or a solution of 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 100 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360 or 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Foliar spray – Spray ensuring full coverage with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre or 150 ml Glyphosate 360 and 20 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree® Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter. IN WETLANDS APPLY CAREFULLY WITH A PAINT BRUSH TO PREVENT WATER CONTAMINATION.



Cherry Laurel – *Prunus laurocerasus*

SW Asia, SE Europe

Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre or 100 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 100 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre or 10 ml undiluted Tordon®Brushkiller XT.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre or 60 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree®Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



Douglas Fir – *Pseudotsuga menziesii*

Western North America

See 'Pine wildings', page 5, for treatment methods.



English Holly – *Ilex aquifolium*

Europe, West Asia, NW Africa

Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with undiluted Glyphosate 360 or 20 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 100 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360 or with 20 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT/1 litre.

Basal spray – TAKES EFFECT SLOWLY. Using X Tree®Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



Japanese Spindle Tree – *Eunonymus japonicus*

Japan, China, Korea

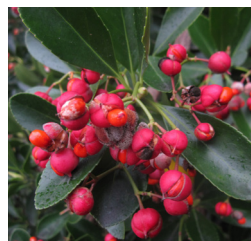
Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre or 100 ml Triclopyr 600 EC/1 litre or 100 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 100 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360 or 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre or 60 ml Triclopyr 600 EC and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree®Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



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Karo – *Pittosporum crassifolium*

Northern New Zealand

This native tree from Northland is a prolific seeder. It has been widely planted through out New Zealand. The problem is it cross breeds with our regions endemic Pittosporums, resulting in unwanted hybrids.

Remove – Hand pull seedlings and small plants.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with Vigilant®Herbicide Gel or 20 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 100 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree®Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



Loquat – *Eriobotrya japonica*

China, Japan

Remove – Hand pull seedlings and small plants.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 100 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360.

Basal spray – Using X Tree®Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



Monkey Apple or Lilly Pilly – *Syzygium smithii*

Australia

Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 200 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree®Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter. IN WETLANDS APPLY CAREFULLY WITH A PAINT BRUSH TO PREVENT WATER CONTAMINATION.



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Pine Wildings – *Pinus species*

Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings. Fell trees.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 200 mm. Fill each hole with or 10 ml of the solution 50 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre. For Maritime pine – *Pinus pinaster*, fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 450 or Glyphosate 510.

Basal spray – Using X Tree® Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter. ONLY SUITABLE FOR TREES LESS THAN 150 MM DIAMETER.



Rowan Tree – *Sorbus aucuparia*

Europe, parts of Asia and North Africa

Remove – Hand pull seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with undiluted Glyphosate 360.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 100 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree® Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



Silver Birch – *Betula pendula*

Europe & parts of Asia

Remove – Hand pull seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with undiluted Glyphosate 360.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 200 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360.

Foliar spray – Ensuring full leaf coverage, spray with 200 ml Glyphosate 360 and 20 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree® Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter. ONLY SUITABLE FOR TREES LESS THAN 150 MM DIAMETER.



Strawberry Dogwood – *Dendrobenthamia capitata* **Himalayas to Western China**

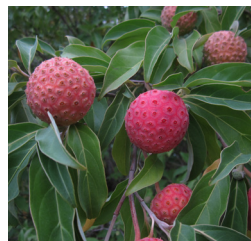
Remove – Hand pull seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with 200 ml Glyphosate 360/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 100 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360 or 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree® Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



Sycamore – *Acer psuedoplatanus* **Central Europe / Southwestern Asia**

Remove – Hand pull seedlings minimising soil disturbance.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with Vigilant® Herbicide Gel or with a solution of 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 200 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360 or 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – TAKES EFFECT QUICKLY. Using X Tree® Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



Tree Privet – *Ligustrum lucidum* **Southern China**

Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with 1 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 200 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre or with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree® Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



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Taiwan Cherry – *Prunus campanulata*

Taiwan

Remove – Hand pull or dig seedlings.

Stump treat – Fell at ground level and paint stump top with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre or 10 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 200 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360 or 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.



Wattles – *Acacia species*

Australia

Remove – Hand pull seedlings minimising soil disturbance.

Stump treat – Fell tree and paint stump top with Vigilant®Herbicide Gel or 50 ml Triclopyr 600EC/1 litre or 50 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 200 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360 or 5 ml undiluted Triclopyr.

Foliar spray – Spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre or 60 ml Tordon®Brushkiller XT and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – Using X Tree®Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter.



Willows – *Salix Species*

Northern hemisphere temperate regions

Stump treat – Fell tree and paint stump top with Vigilant®Herbicide Gel or a solution of 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/1 litre.

Drill and fill – Drill downward sloping holes (80 mm deep, 20 mm diameter) around the trunk every 200 mm. Fill each hole with 10 ml undiluted Glyphosate 360 or 10 ml of the solution 20 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600/1 litre.

Foliar spray – Ensuring full leaf coverage, spray with 5 gm Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 and 10 ml penetrant/10 litre or 150 ml Glyphosate 360 and 20 ml penetrant/10 litre.

Basal spray – TAKES EFFECT QUICKLY. Using X Tree®Basal herbicide, thoroughly wet the entire circumference of the lower trunk, from the root collar up the trunk 2 to 3 times the trunk diameter. IN WETLANDS APPLY CAREFULLY WITH A PAINT BRUSH TO PREVENT WATER CONTAMINATION.

Crack Willow – *Salix fragilis*, Grey Willow – *Salix cinerea* are

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Caution! Consider the long term risk when poisoning tall standing trees

Standing dead trees located near buildings, vehicles, roads or people may become a hazard as they rot and fall apart. In these situations, remove dead trees while their wood is firm.

Herbicides notes –

Always read label instructions!

Glyphosate 360 – Brand names: Agpro Glyphosate 360, Rainbow & Brown Glyphosate, Roundup®Renew, Roundup®360 Pro, WeedMaster G360.

Glyphosate 450 – Brand names: Agpro Glyphosate 450, Allout 450, Firstrate 450, Orion Glyphosate 450, Polaris 450.

Glyphosate 510 – Brand names: Agpro Green Glyphosate 510, Country Mile Glyphosate 510, Deal 510 RF, Glypho Super 510.

Metsulfuron-Methyl 600 – Brand names: Agpro Meturon®, Associate®600WDG, Eradicate 600, Escort®, Mustang®, Rainbow & Brown MSF600.

Triclopyr 600 EC – Brand names: Agpro Triclopyr 600, Brush Off®, Eliminate, Grazon®, Rainbow & Brown Triclo Herbicide, Scrubcutter®, Vanguard, Victory™.

Tordon®Brushkiller XT – contains Picloram and Triclopyr.

Vigilant®Herbicide Gel – contains Picloram.

X Tree®Basal herbicide – contains Triclopyr and Biodiesel.

Penetrant – Sticking or wetting agent that assists the potency of herbicides. Brand name Pulse.

Herbicide Supplies – Are sold locally at Nurseries, Garden Centres and Farm supply businesses.

Helpful websites

Weed Busters: www.weedbusters.co.nz

Auckland Council Pest Plants identification: pestplants.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Agpro, Agrichemicals: www.agpro.co.nz

Rainbow & Brown, Herbicides: www.rainbowbrown.co.nz

Explanations

Dispersal Mechanisms – Most pest tree seeds are dispersed by wind or birds and in a few cases by water. Trees such as willow are dispersed by branch or root fragments, so care should be taken when pruning or removing such trees.

Timing – Herbicides are more potent when they are applied to actively growing trees during spring and summer.

Water PH – When mixing water with herbicides use community supply or stream water. Rain water may be too acidic and will inhibit herbicide potency.

NPPA Pest Plant – National Pest Plant Accord. The Ministry for Primary Industries have prepared a list of pest plants banned from sale or propagation, throughout New Zealand. www.biosecurity.govt.nz/nppa



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