

WANTED

Parthenium weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*)



Description

Parthenium weed is an erect annual herb that usually grows around 1–1.5m tall but can grow to 2 m tall. Leaves are pale green covered with soft, fine hair and are alternate on the stem. Lower leaves are 5-20 cm long and deeply divided, upper leaves less divided and smaller. Most leaves die after the plant flowers.

Flowers are creamy-white, 4-6 mm in diameter and are star shaped with 5 distinct points. The flowers are made up of many tiny florets, each of the 5 points is a ray floret with petals the centre has many (12-60) tiny tubular disc florets at the end of stems in clusters that look a bit like 'baby's breath'.

Seeds are dark brown-black, 1-2 mm across, flattened and triangular with 2 thin, white, spoon-shaped appendages.

Stems are grooved or ribbed, making stems look striped and woody with age. Highly branched off the upper half of the main stem during flowering.

Roots are a deep taproot.

Goal

To Eradicate from the Shoalhaven.

Whereabouts

Last seen Broughton. Found in pasture.

Website Link [NSW WeedWise](#)

Native Look-alike