

WANTED

Ludwigia (*Ludwigia peruviana*)



Description

Ludwigia is an upright perennial shrub up to 3 m tall. It is deciduous in cooler climates and evergreen in warmer tropical climates. It can form floating islands on the water surface.

Leaves are hairy, 5-10 cm long and 1-3 cm wide, oval to lance-shaped with appointed tip and narrow base. They are prominently veined and alternate along the stem.

Flowers are bright yellow single, growing in the fork of upper leaves with 4 petals (sometimes 5 or 6), each up to 3 cm wide and long, surrounded by 4 pale green leaf-like structures below the petals and each flower lasts for only one day present during late summer-autumn.

Seedpods are 1-2 cm long and 6-10 mm wide and are reddish-brown with reddish sepals that stay attached to the pod. The seedpods contain 1000-4000 seeds and are erect and squarish in cross-section.

Stems are dark green to brownish green, branched, round in cross-section and are hairy when young.

When the plants are still seedlings they produce a large taproot, older plants have a woody tap root and lateral roots grow close to the surface.

Goal

To Eradicate from the Shoalhaven.

Whereabouts

Last seen Worrigei. Found in wetland areas and creeks.

Website Link [NSW WeedWise](#)

Native Look-alike