

Boneseed

Chrysanthemoides monilifera

Boneseed is a bushy shrub. Young stems are woolly but soon become smooth. It quickly forms a dense canopy that shades out everything else.

Leaves are smooth, leathery, oval to elliptical and are irregularly toothed. Arranged alternately.

Flowers are daisy-shaped and bright yellow (Sept – Feb). **Fruit** are round and are in green drupes with a hard protective cover. When they ripen they change from green to black. Each contain a hard seed which can remain viable for 10 years. **Dispersal:** birds, possums, natural spread down cliffs from parent plant.

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4
TREATMENT TYPE	Manual	Herbicide	Herbicide	
TIMING	When not in seed.	Year-round	Year-round	
PLANT TYPE	All but the largest plants	Larger plants (not able to be hand pulled).	Larger plants (not able to be hand pulled).	
METHOD	Hand pull	Cut and stump paint.	Spray	
MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT		100ml/ 1L glyphosate or 1g/1L metsulfuron or Vigalant gel.	100ml glyphosate + 20ml penetrant/10L or 5g metsulfuron + 20ml penetrant/10L. Follow up for seedlings required.	
DISPOSAL:	If it doesn't have seeds, leave on site to rot down or mulch. Plants with seeds must be buried deeply, burnt or disposed of at a refuse transfer station.			
FOLLOW UP:	Follow up at 6-monthly intervals to complete eradication.			
REPLACE IT:	<i>Brachyglottis greyii</i> <i>Corokia cotoneaster</i> - Korokia			
REMARKS:	Pest control is easiest in spring when the flowers are visible. This also prevents seed being dispersed from plants cut later in the season.			

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Caution: when using any herbicide or pesticide PLEASE READ THE LABEL THOROUGHLY to ensure that all instructions and safety requirements are followed.