

10 Common weeds in the Willoughby area.



	Common name <i>Scientific Name</i>	Characteristics
	Asthma weed/ sticky weed <i>Parietaria Judaica</i>	Reddish stems break easily, and seeds that stick to things they contact. Pellitory is mildly toxic to humans. Reactions include asthma, hay fever conjunctivitis or severe skin irritation.
	Cassia/Winter senna <i>Senna pendula var. glabrata</i>	Easily recognised bright yellow flowers produce bean-like seedpods. This plant is easily removed but seeding will come up for years.
	Ground asparagus <i>Protasparagus aethiopicus</i>	Produces masses of seeds, which birds spread. The hard underground rhizomes need to be removed completely
	Madeira Vine <i>Anredera cordifolia</i>	This vine grows rapidly and produces tubers on the stems that drop to the ground. Tubers can remain dormant for long periods and during varying weather conditions.
	Mickey mouse plant <i>Ochna serrulata</i>	Very hardy plant. It produces masses of seeds that attract birds, and is spread readily throughout nearby bushland.
	Morning glory <i>Ipomoea indica</i> (blue) and <i>Ipomoea cairica</i> (coastal)	Easily recognised vivid blue-purple flowers. It grows extremely fast, developing roots along the stems.
	Moth vine <i>Araujia sericifera</i>	This climber smothers shrubs and small trees, depressing their growth. Produces clusters of creamy-white to pale pink flowers. Its milky white sap can be irritating to the skin.
	Privet <i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> (broad-leaf) and <i>Ligustrum sinense</i> (narrow-leaf)	Two main types of privet are found in the Willoughby LGA: broad-leaf and narrow-leaf. Privet pollen can cause allergic reactions and hay fever. Privet can be recognised by the large quantity of dark blue berries.
	Trad/wandering Jew <i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	A persistent rapidly growing creeping ground cover with succulent leaves and stems, producing white flowers. All parts of this plant have to be removed.
	Turkey rhubarb <i>Acetosa sagittata</i>	Arrow-shaped leaves with obvious veins, alternately arranged along the stems. The root system, made up of underground tubers and soft rhizomes, can make removal difficult.