

# Seen this plant?

SOUTH EAST  
**No Space for  
Weeds**

## Giant devil's fig

*Solanum chrysotrichum*



### How does this weed affect us?

Giant devil's fig can form dense, impenetrable thickets. If left uncontrolled it:

- restricts stock access to shade and water
- reduces the number of native plants by competing for space, nutrients and sunlight
- destroys the natural habitat for wildlife
- naturalises in disturbed habitats, creek banks, forests and riparian areas
- takes over valuable grazing land
- impacts the beauty of the landscape
- can make working on the farm or bushwalking difficult

### Seen it? Call us:

NSW DPI Biosecurity Helpline:

1800 680 244

Illawarra District Weeds Authority

02 4233 1129

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WeedWise: [weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GiantDevilsFig](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GiantDevilsFig)





### Where are you likely to find it?

Giant devil's fig can be found anywhere! It is most commonly found along creek banks, road sides and under shade trees. It tolerates and survives environmental extremes and grows in a variety of soil types and conditions.

Giant devils fig is established in the NSW Far North Coast, but there are limited infestations in other coastal districts including the Illawarra. If you see Giant devils fig, give us a call before it spreads further.

### What does it look like?

- shrub or small tree up to 6 m
- stems and leaves are covered with soft hairs that are reddish-brown on new growth
- bark is green with many sharp thorns
- stems, leaf stalks and leaf veins have long prickles, 2-6mm long
- large leaves have 7-13 lobes
- flowers are star shaped and hairy on the outer surface
- fruits are green to yellowish-orange (when mature)

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