

# Seen this plant? Sticky nightshade

SOUTH EAST  
No Space for  
Weeds

*Solanum sisymbriifolium*

**Regional Priority - Eradicate**



## How does this weed affect us?

Sticky nightshade is an invasive plant that competes with crops and pastures.. It can also invade inaccessible sites such as rocky hillsides and riparian areas making control difficult. Sticky nightshade has sharp prickles which can injure people, pets, livestock and native animals. It contains toxins and is suspected to have caused cattle deaths in the Greater Sydney Region

## What does it look like?

Sticky nightshade is an erect plant to 1.5 m high. Most of the plant is hairy and covered in very sharp prickles. It is an annual or short-lived perennial. Flowers are white or pale bluish-purple star shaped with 5 petals. Fruit are bright red berries when ripe. The leaves are sticky, hairy and prickly on both sides.

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### Where are you likely to find it?

Sticky nightshade is mostly found in Western Sydney and the Central Tablelands. It has however also been found in the Central West, Southeast, Hunter, Mid-north Coast and Riverina. It is an emerging weed in the Illawarra and a regional priority weed for eradication. It has the potential to spread and invade quickly and is currently found as scattered to isolated infestations in the Wollongong and Shellharbour areas. It is native to South America

### What type of environment does it grow in?

Sticky nightshade grows in full sun and part shade. It can grow in a wide variety of soil types and environments including in pastures, on cultivated land, along waterways and roadsides. It grows best in moist soil conditions and can grow from seed, root or rhizome fragments. It is spread by animals, water, and movement of contaminated fodder and soil.

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