

Lantana, Creeping

Lantana camara

Creeping lantana is declared a Class B (growth and spread to be controlled) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory.

Creeping lantana is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weeds Management Act*.

HABIT



Scrambling low woody shrub to half a metre, with short, profusely flowering branches that form mats. An ornamental species of lantana considered a weed in natural ecosystems.

STEMS & ROOTS



Stem is square in cross section and hairy when young, but cylindrical when older.

Stems do not have prickles, distinguishing it from Common lantana (*Lantana camara*).

LEAVES



Opposite, bright green above, paler beneath, up to 3cm long and shallowly toothed.

Leaves are finely hairy and emit a pungent odour when crushed.

FLOWERS



Flower heads are about 2.5cm wide, made up of 20 - 40 flowers. Mainly pink or purple flowers with white or yellow centres, present throughout the year.

FRUIT & SEED



The fruit has many berries, which ripen from green to glossy purple-black.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).