

# Snakeweeds

*Stachytarpheta australis, S. cayennensis, S. jamaicensis*

Snakeweeds are declared a Class B (growth and spread to be controlled) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory

Snakeweeds are a declared weed in accordance with the *Weed Management Act*.

## HABIT



Invades disturbed areas such as drainage channels, roadsides, overgrazed areas and monsoon forest fringes.

## STEMS & BRANCHES



A perennial clumping shrub that grows to 2m, with tough stems and a woody rootstock.

## LEAVES



Shallowly toothed leaves with a hairy underside.

## FLOWERS



Flowers can range from violet to purple, dark or pale blue to almost white and form along a stiff snake-like stem up to 50cm long. Each flower is 5mm across and has 5 petals.

## FRUIT & SEEDS



Seeds are dark brown-black and are 5mm long.

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](#).