DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Caltrop

Tribulus cistoides / Tribulus

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

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

HABIT

Spreading prostrate annual or bi-annual herb

STEMS & BRANCHES

Numerous silky or hairy stems radiate from a well developed tap root. Stems can be up to 2m in length.

LEAVES

Leaves are opposite, with 4 - 11 pairs of leaflets. The hairy leaves are darker green on top and paler underneath.

FLOWERS

The single yellow flowers have 5 petals, each up to 8mm long.

FRUIT & SEED

The fruit is a woody burr which has sharp rigid spines. Each fruit is comprised of 5 wedge shaped segments.

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.

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