

Rope cacti

Cylindropuntia spp.

Rope cacti is declared a Class A (to be eradicated) and a Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory and is a Weed of National Significance in Australia.

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

Cylindropuntia fulgida var. *mamillata* (Coral or boxing glove cactus), *Cylindropuntia imbricata* (Devil's rope) and *Cylindropuntia rosea* (Hudson pear) are the most commonly found *Cylindropuntia* species in the Northern Territory.

HABIT



Cylindropuntia species can range from low growing multi-branched shrubs under 50cm to erect small tree like structures to 3m tall.

STEMS & LEAVES



Stems are generally rope-like in form and covered with spines. Spines can range from small deciduous spines (glochids) to larger penetrating spines such of those of Hudson pear.

FLOWERS



Flowers are dark pink to reddish in colour.

FRUIT & SEED



Fruit are fleshy to succulent and can be green, yellow or red.

Fruit are usually egg shaped 3 - 4cm 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](#).