

# Invader shrubs

These garden shrubs have been identified as invasive and should be removed from your garden.



**Bird of paradise (*Caesalpinia gilliesii*)**

**NEM: BA Category 1b – remove and destroy**

Erect to spreading shrub or small tree up to 2,5 m high with small *Acacia*-like leaves. Each flower has ten long red stamens which protrude conspicuously out of the flower.

## What can you do to prevent the spread of invasive species?

Learn to identify invader species and inform other gardeners to become eco-friendly and remove invasive alien plants from their gardens.

For more information, visit [www.invasives.org.za](http://www.invasives.org.za)



**Cestrum or inkberry (*Cestrum* spp – excluding approved cultivars)**

**NEM: BA Category 1b – remove and destroy**

Evergreen or deciduous shrubs or small trees. The lance-shaped leaves have smooth margins. Tubular star-shaped flowers are borne in clusters and range from red, mauve or pink to yellow. Flowers are followed by small black or red berries which are poisonous.



**Bird flower (*Crotolaria agatiflora*)**

**NEM: BA Category 1a – remove and destroy**

Erect to spreading shrub up to 3 m high. The lance-shaped leaves are sometimes hairy. Yellow-green flowers resembling birds appear in summer. Large, rattle-like seed pods.



**Four-o'clocks (*Mirabilis jalapa*)**

**NEM: BA Category 1b – remove and destroy**

A bushy perennial 60 cm high and wide. The pink, red, magenta, yellow or white flowers are fragrant and only open in the late afternoon and evening.



**NEM: BA Category 1b – remove and destroy**

Deciduous shrub up to 3,5 m high which may sometimes sucker. Bright green leaves are usually composed of 7 leaflets with serrated edges that may be smooth or woolly beneath. Small white flowers on large showy heads appear in early summer.