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Rough horsetail (*Equisetum hyemale*)



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Water poppy (*Hydrocleys nymphoides*)



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Yellow flag (*Iris pseudacorus*)



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Tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)



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Moth catcher (*Araujia sericifera*)



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Chandelier plant (*Bryophyllum delagoense*)

## Gauteng Province Invasive Species Compliance

Organs of state and private property owners are responsible for controlling and removing Category 1a and 1b invasive species from all state-owned and privately-owned land.



Pompom Weed  
(*Campuloclinium macrocephalum*)

1b  
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### Why are invasive plants a problem?

- Use up precious water resources
- Outcompete indigenous plants
- Change the chemical constituents of soil
- Threaten rare and endangered plants
- Threaten subsistence farming
- Clog up waterways
- Exacerbate wildfires



Indian Shot (*Canna indica*)



Cat's Claw Creeper (*Dolichandra unguis-cati*)



Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)



Red Sesbania (*Sesbania punicea*)



Bugweed (*Solanum mauritanium*)



Yellow Bells (*Tecoma stans*)

## Controlling invasive species

Invasive species are controlled under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act no. 10 of 2004) Alien and Invasive Species (AIS) Regulations.

The National List includes 567 invasive species in four categories.



### Category 1a

- Combat, eradicate and remove these invasive species.
- Any form of trade or planting is strictly prohibited.



### Category 1b

- Control and wherever possible, remove and destroy.
- Any form or trade or planting is strictly prohibited.
- Property owners and organs of state must develop control plans to detail the long-term control of these species.



### Category 2

- Species requiring a permit issued by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).
- Species must not spread outside of demarcated land.
- Unpermitted Category 2 species revert to Category 1b.



### Category 3

- Species may remain in prescribed areas or provinces.
- Further planting, propagation or trade, is prohibited.
- If species occur within a protected area or riparian (wetland) they revert to Category 1b.

### For more information

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