

# Management strategies

## How to treat

### 1. Treating small patches or limited infestations

It is possible to pull out small patches by hand when they are at seedling stage. You need to ensure you pull the whole taproot out as the plant can regenerate from the root.

### 2. Treating more extensive infestations

For more extensive infestations the recommended herbicide is Starane<sup>®</sup> Advanced Herbicide as a foliar spray at a mix rate of 600 mL per 100 L of water.

For grass pasture situations, where ground boom equipment can be used, Starane Advanced at rate 2.4 L/ha or 1.2 L/ha + 1.6 L/ha Amine 625 can be used to treat actively growing Paddy's lucerne prior to flowering as older weeds become too 'woody' for effective control by broadcast application.

Treatment with Starane Advanced should only take place when the weed is actively growing. Always consult the label before use.



Photo of *Sida retusa*

## For best results

- Maintaining a strong pasture is an effective way to reduce the ability for Paddy's lucerne to become a widespread issue.
- Treatment should occur during late spring to early summer.

Refer to the [Woody Weed app](#) for further details.



## Paddy's lucerne

(*Sida rhombifolia*)



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# Paddy's lucerne (*Sida rhombifolia*)

## Description

Paddy's lucerne is an erect perennial weed that can grow up to 1 m tall. It is typically found in roadside areas and rocky terrains, although is also found in competitive pasture due to its unpalatability to livestock.

Its leaves are a dull green colour and diamond-shaped and 2–5 cm in length. The flowers are a pale orange to yellow colour and form on individual woody stalks and generally sprout in bunches of three or four.

The weed also produces a small fruit that is 30–40 mm long. When the fruit matures it separates into eight to 12 one-seeded segments.



## Timing

Product	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Starane® Advanced Herbicide	✗	⚙️	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⚙️	✗	✗	✗

### KEY:

- ✓ Best time to spray/treat
- ⚙️ Can spray/treat if conditions are suitable
- ✗ Do not spray/treat

## Herbicides for control of paddy's lucerne

Product*	Method of application	Rate†	State
<b>Starane® Advanced Herbicide</b>	Foliar spray	600 mL/100 L of water	All
Grazon® Extra Herbicide	Foliar spray	500 mL/100 L of water	All
Starane® Advanced Herbicide	Boom application	2.4 L/ha	All
Starane® Advanced Herbicide	Boom application	1.2 L/ha + 1.6 L/ha Amine 625	All

# Note: Preferred product option in bold. † Consult label for details of growth stage and use, especially where range of rates is given.



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