

Management strategies

How to treat

1. Treating isolated patches or limited infestations

Small infestations can be manually removed and composted.

It is best to use a plant removal tool or a fork instead of your hands. Make sure not to dump the weed in another location as the weed can regrow quickly after being fully removed, causing damage to other areas.

In small areas you can also use Vigilant II. Use a long-handled paint roller or similar, making sure the foliage has been completely flattened during application.

2. Treating more extensive infestations

For more extensive infestations use Starane Advanced as a foliar spray at a mix rate of 900 mL per 100 L of water (9 mL per 1 L of water). Coverage should be to the point of run-off, where the herbicide mix is just beginning to drip from the leaves. Ensure the wandering jew is actively growing and not stressed due to lack of moisture or excessive heat. Always consult the label before use.

Minimise the impact of wandering jew

Wandering jew is not a prohibited weed under the Biosecurity Act 2014 but by law individuals have a responsibility to take steps to minimise the risks associated with this weed. Do not leave any pieces of the weed when removing as regrowth from small branches can occur easily.

Treatment tips

- Herbicides are a preferred method for controlling this invasive weed.
- Hand pulling is effective but is very labour intensive.
- It is possible to rake into piles of weeds that can be picked up and removed.
- Chooks usually devour this weed.

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



Wandering jew

(*Tradescantia fluminensis*)



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Advanced
HERBICIDE



Wandering jew (*Tradescantia fluminensis*)

Description

Wandering jew (*Tradescantia fluminensis*) is a highly invasive ground-growing, creeping succulent plant. This rapidly growing weed is generally found in areas that are moist and shady. It will out-compete native vegetation by smothering the ground, using its roots sent out from each node.

The glossy leaves are dark green and oval-shaped to a point, growing between

5 and 10 mm long. This weed has small white flowers that have three petals and usually grow 7–10 mm long, with several bright yellow-orange pollen-covered anthers atop its stamens. The flowers are produced mainly in spring and are found in small clusters at the tips of brittle succulent branches.

Wandering jew has also been found to cause allergic skin reactions in dogs and rapid death when consumed by cattle.

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 Wandering jew

Product [#]	Method of application	Rate [†]	State
Starane® Advanced Herbicide	Foliar spray	900 mL/100 L of water	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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