

Black-eyed Susan - *Thunbergia alata*

Form: Slender trailing or weakly climbing herb 1-3m wide or tall.

Leaves: Paired, heart-shaped to triangular, 2-5cm long.

Flowers: Summer. Bright orange to yellow with black centres, 2-3cm across.

Fruits: Dry, brown, globular, c 1cm across with a 1cm long beak.

Impacts: Forms dense masses shading out native herbs and shrubs; conspicuous when flowering. An ornamental garden plant which escapes into bushland with garden refuse.

Control: Find central tap root and hand pull (into bags for disposal if flowering).

Ongoing management: Check area in early summer each year and control new and regenerating plants before flowering.

