

False choko, white moth vine - *Araujia sericifera*

Form: Vigorous woody vine usually 2-4m tall but capable of greater heights, twining round supports.

Leaves: Paired, oval, 3-10 cm long, grey-green and very finely hairy; stems exuding white latex when leaves are broken off.

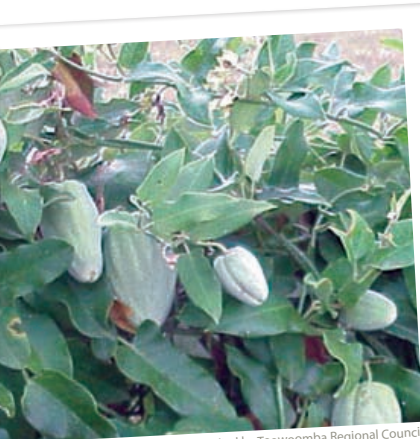
Flowers: Summer, in small clusters along upper stems, white to pale pink or violet, cup-shaped with 5 petals, 1-2cm wide.

Fruits: Autumn, distinctively choko shaped but pale grey-green and downy with a seam along one side, 10cm long, splitting at maturity to release small seeds with silky hairs. Seeds spread by wind.

Impacts: Smothers native plants if dense; latex sometimes allergenic

Control: Most plants can be hand pulled using gloves or dug out. Collect immature fruit and dispose of safely elsewhere. Basal bark or spot spray. See DPI Fact Sheet for current herbicide recommendations.

Ongoing management: Check area every year and control new and regenerating plants before flowering.



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