

Madeira vine, potato vine or lamb's tails - *Anredera cordifolia*

Form: Vigourous rather fleshy twining vine up to 10m tall with stem and root tubers.

Leaves: Rather succulent, heart-shaped, 4-8cm long, smooth edged and bluntly pointed.

Flowers: Summer. Hanging masses of white flowers c. 5mm across.

Fruits: Autumn. Minute yellow-brown seeds among dried flowers. Probably spread by birds.

Tubers: Masses of small green to brown potato-like tubers form along the stems, growing ever larger and continuously falling to produce new plants even after the stems have been severed. Large tubers are also formed along the roots.

Impacts: Severe. Climbs over, smothers and breaks down trees and shrubs. Class 3 Declared Plant (June 2010).

Control: Difficult and time-consuming. Dig, bag and remove root tubers, collect, bag and remove aerial tubers. Basal bark, foliar or cut stump spray. See DPI Fact Sheet for current herbicide recommendations.

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



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