

Biosecurity: A shared responsibility



Variegated Agave spp. roadside



Aloe spp. roadside



Iris spp. roadside

How does illegal dumping affect us?

Many ornamental plant species are kept by gardeners for their desirable qualities – adaptability, hardiness and ease of maintenance. Some of these desirable traits however increase the risk of some plants becoming a problem/invasive in the natural environment:

- Restricts movement of animals and people (spiny plants).
- Negatively impacts recreational land-use by impeding access.
- Creates a monocultured ecosystem reducing biodiversity.
- Detracts from remnant native vegetation on public roads.
- Some perennial plants are long-lived and outcompete native species.
- Certain species are particularly difficult to manage with herbicides.

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Where are you likely to find it?

Featured species (pictured) have been found on various roadsides throughout the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area.

What can you do?

Dispose of all garden waste responsibly/appropriately and destroy unwanted plant material (pile and burn) where possible. Researching plant species before adding them to the garden is advisable to avoid plants with unwanted characteristics such as high (viable) seed output, suckering root systems or an aggressive growth habit. Selection of native species endemic to your local area is another method of reducing the likelihood of garden escapees that could be a problem in the environment.



Yucca spp. growing roadside



Blue periwinkle can dominate roadsides



Agave spp. roadside



Gazania growing roadside

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