

WEED INFORMATION SHEET

MORNING GLORY

Environmental Weed



MORNING GLORY- *Ipomoea spp.*

A vigorous rapid growing climber used as an ornamental but in many situations has become a weed which, once established, is difficult to eradicate.

The dumping of garden clippings in bushland is a main source of distribution as with many environmental weeds. *Dispose of these garden plants thoughtfully.*

DESCRIPTION - Robust, finely-hairy perennial creeper. Leaves alternate, cordate, 7-10 cm long, the tip pointed, the margins entire or 3 to 5 lobed. Flowers blue, fading to pink, bell shaped with a flared top, to 8 cm long, opening in the morning and closing mid-afternoon, borne in clusters of 3-12 on stalks arising in the leaf axils, the stalks also bearing linear to lanceolate leaf like bracts; sepals to 25 mm long, hairless, or oppressed downy Fruit a depressed globular capsule, 1 cm wide, containing black hairless seeds. Flowering late Summer-Autumn.

HABITAT - Disturbed areas around habitation, growing over fences, trees and other vegetation.