

Snakeweed

Strachytarpheta cayennensis



Habit: These plants can be small and flimsy or grow to 2m with tough woody stems and roots. Purple flowers are on stalks on top of the plant. Another snakeweed has pink flowers.

Spread: People have planted them in gardens & spread in hay.

Weed because: It dominates wet areas like vine thickets and pushes out native plants.

METHODS

Pull & Mulch

Pulling small plants is easy. They like moist areas where the soil is soft. Mulch with them when they are not seeding.

Cut & Spray

These plants like disturbed soil so a way to reduce this is to slash the plants to a small size with a string trimmer or brushcutter for big plants. Remove plant material or wait a few weeks and then carefully spray.

New Plants

Carefully spray or pull new plants while they are small. Make sure to get the roots as well.