Pest Plants of the Wellington Region



Perennial nettle Urtica dioica and sub spp

How do I identify perennial nettle?

Upright herb that can grow up to 1.5 metres tall

Leaves: Green, heart-shaped and toothed, covered in hairs which may sting if touched

Flowers: Small, green and hang in tassels, later turning into small seeds

Stems: Woody stems covered in hairs which may sting if touched

Roots: Creeping underground stems

Where found: In older gardens, pasture, wasteland, forest margins, stream and riverbanks

What's the problem?

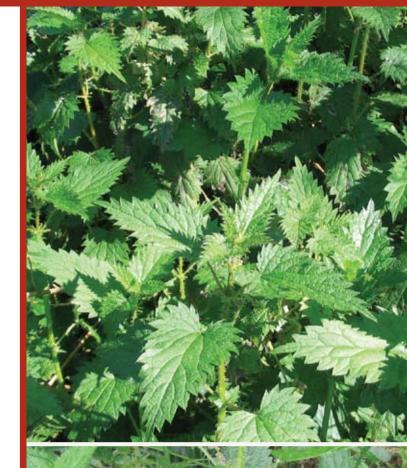
- Perennial nettle is generally unpalatable to livestock and therefore reduces available grazing area
- · Forms dense areas of vegetation which shade and crowd out all other vegetation
- It is spread many ways including water, wind, contaminated soil and feed, machinery, animals and people

What do I do?

- If you suspect you have perennial nettle or have seen it somewhere in the Wellington region, please contact us and we'll come and have a look
- If it is perennial nettle, we will control it for free and record the sites location for future work

Fact:

Nettles are used to treat and aid a range of medical illnesses and deficiencies







Seen it? Call us!

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