

Lantana, Common

Lantana camara

Common lantana is declared a Class B (growth and spread to be controlled) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory and is a Weed of National Significance in Australia.

Common lantana is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weeds Management Act*.

HABIT



Many branched spreading shrub, 2 - 4m tall, often forming dense thickets.

STEMS & ROOTS



Stem is square in cross section and hairy when young, but cylindrical when older, with short prickles.

Lantana has a short taproot and a mat of many shallow side roots.

LEAVES



Opposite, bright green above, paler beneath. Approximately 6cm long and shallowly toothed.

Leaves are finely hairy and emit a pungent odour when crushed.

FLOWERS



Flower heads are about 2.5cm wide, made up of 20 - 40 flowers.

Colours vary from red, orange, pink, purple, cream or pale yellow. Flowers throughout the year.

FRUIT & SEED



The fruit has many berries, which ripen from green to shiny purple-black and contain a single pale seed.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).