

Khaki weed

Alternanthera pungens

Khaki weed is declared a Class B (growth and spread to be controlled) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory

Khaki weed is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weed Management Act 2011*.

HABIT



Usually found in disturbed areas, lawns, campgrounds and stockyards.

Prostrate, perennial plant that forms thick mats.

STEMS & BRANCHES



Reddish, trailing stems grow up to 60 cm long.

LEAVES



Leaves grow in opposite pairs of unequal size up to 1-4 cm, and are hairy and rounded with a slight taper at the end.

FLOWERS



Flowering time: December to May. Flowers are white and grow in clusters where the leaf joins the stem.

FRUIT & SEEDS



Seeds are very small, yellow and occur in small fruits held within the old flower parts. Form into a straw coloured prickly burr up to 1 cm.

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](#).