

WEED SPECIES

Pockets of gorse are notable within the Green Wedge, particularly to the west of Frankston-Dandenong Road.

Gorse is a highly invasive plant and its foliage is waxy and holds high amounts of oils that easily ignite and burn hot, making fire movement very rapid and difficult to control.

Reducing gorse around your home and sharing information and gorse management resources with friends, family and neighbors can help mitigate fire risk.

It thrives when an area is completely burnt out and spreads once all other plants have died.

<https://environment.gov.au/biodiversity/invasive/weeds/publications/guidelines/worksheets/u-europaeus.pdf>



Gorse

What can we do?

Removal of an isolated infestation of weeds is easier and cheaper than tackling it when it gets larger.

What to look for

- Plants that spread and take over
- Plants you didn't plant
- Unusual plants you haven't seen before

Where to look

Gardens, paddocks, fence lines, waterways, bushland, roads, tracks, worksites

When to look

- When planting or cultivating
- When moving or feeding livestock
- After floods, fires or introducing gravel, sand, soil or turf

Who to contact?

Environment.vic.gov.au