

Proposed Seminar topic for

**Islands in the Bush: Management of Granite Outcrops**

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Weed Management Options for Granite Outcrops

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Weed control on and around granite outcrops requires careful planning and application. Environmental weeds present one of the greatest threats to nature conservation in southwest Western Australia. Some granite remnants have high levels of plant community and species diversity and need to be sensitively managed. In contrast degraded granite outcrops can be rehabilitated with the assistance of a broader approach to weed control.

Identification and mapping of weed species is essential to ensure that the correct targets are selected and that any weed control activities will be effective.

Known weed control techniques and strategies for remnant vegetation are discussed.

These include spraying with broad-spectrum or selective herbicides and manual techniques for plant removal. Different approaches to conducting weed control activities, from individual efforts to mobilizing community groups are also discussed.

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