

Good news on the Bridal Creeper front!

Louise Marin, of CSIRO Canberra, reports that a rust disease, caused by *Puccinea myrsiphyllii*, has been found on Bridal Creeper in South Africa. It is so effective a control agent that it is hard to find any of the host plants at all! Once all the formalities are concluded, the rust will be imported and trialled in Australia. The tests will involve seeing if it affects only the target plants - commercial asparagus is a worry, but, in this family, there are fortunately few native plants to be concerned about.

Great news, if it works!
