

WEED ALERT

THE CALM HERBARIUM'S WEED INFORMATION NETWORK (WIN)

This project, to form an effective Network to document the weeds of WA, is a basic need for the development of National, State and local weed strategies. The ongoing documentation of the current impacts of weeds in local areas and the subsequent development of management strategies is of the highest priority in conserving Western Australia's high biodiversity.

Because there has not been a concerted effort to document the weeds of WA, botanists, ecologists and Landcare and related community groups cannot answer the following questions: -

- What particular weed species are naturalised in WA or in their district?
- In which precise locations have they been recorded and what are their habitat preferences?
- What is their potential spread?
- What are the biological attributes that may be critical to successful control or management?

The WIN Project seeks to gather answers to these questions by developing partnerships between the CALM Herbarium and collaborating local community groups. The data gathered will be made available to all stakeholders through Internet and other means.

Detailed information, including how you can be involved, will be provided in the next issue of Western Wildlife, in time for the most important collecting season.

Neville Marchant, CALM Herbarium.

WOODY WEED GOES STATESIDE!

That rampaging rascal Woody Weed is visiting the United States! Here he is capering around outside the White House, warning people of the dangers of invasive species. Is he a good Oz export?!

