

removal, though care has to be taken to avoid non-target plants.

(For colour photos see 'Western Weeds' p 150 or 'Southern Weeds' p 130, herbicide detail on p131.)

FALSE YELLOWHEAD (STICKY STINKWORT), *Dittrichia viscosa*

THIS is another plant that is starting to get away along the South Coast. It was first noticed around the port of Albany in the 1970s, presumably having arrived by ship. From there it has spread out along road and rail lines east to Walpole, west to Jerramungup and north to Mt Barker, where it is common.

False Yellowhead is closely related to Stinkwort (*D. graveolens*) and, like it, the leaves and stems exude a sticky, smelly oil that can cause contact dermatitis. It has the potential to be as widespread and troublesome a weed as Stinkwort, though it is a larger, and much prettier, plant. It originates in southern Europe.

It has been placed on the Federal Government's 'Alert List for Environmental Weeds'; a list of 28 species that currently have limited distributions but potentially could cause significant damage. It is targeted for eradication. The CRC for Weed Management has produced a comprehensive leaflet about the plant, to obtain a copy, contact webpage: http://www.weeds.crc.org.au/publicationsfact_sheets.html



If you think you have seen this plant, contact John Moore, Dept of Agriculture, Albany.

(For colour photos see 'Western Weeds' p 97 or 'Southern Weeds' p 144, herbicide detail on p145.)

From a young *Land for Wildlifer*:

Q: What lies on its back one hundred feet in the air?

A: A dead centipede.