

A NEWLY- NATURALISED BINDWEED FOUND IN A WETLAND AT BUSSELTON

The morning glory family consists mostly of twining vines with trumpet-shaped flowers. They can be beautiful and are often grown in gardens, but many are hard to get rid of and become a problem in paddock or bushland.



Great bindweed (*Calystegia sylvatica*) has large white or pink-and-white striped flowers, and can be found twining up supporting vegetation in hedgerows and waste places from southern Europe through into Britain. It has been discovered going wild and smothering native vegetation in a wetland near Busselton, presumably originating from dumped garden rubbish*. The Busselton population is being targeted for eradication.

This raises two matters of concern – firstly please use all the influence you have to stop people dumping garden rubbish in bushland, and secondly, if you see a suspicious-looking twiner, check it with a DAFWA weed officer, or your *LFWO*. This life form is not very common in WA, so it could be that you have located something weedy.

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