

Weed of the Month - Friends of Lochiel Park

"WANTED DEAD NOT ALIVE"

Pin Cushion Flower, Egyptian Rose, Mournful Widow

bot. name - *Scabiosa atropurpurea*

https://keyserver.lucidcentral.org/weeds/data/media/Html/scabiosa_atropurpurea.htm

or
[https://www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Garden Weeds and Bushland In vaders.pdf](https://www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Garden_Weeds_and_Bushland_In_vaders.pdf)

DESCRIPTION :-

Untidily branched shrub to 0.5 m high. Top growth dries off and each year new growth arises from the perennial basal rosette. Leaves are highly variable, some deeply lobed and others entire (leaf edge not toothed, lobed or divided) 3-15 cm long by 0.4-5 cm wide. White, pink or dark red flowering heads are dense and rounded, on the ends of the erect stems. Fruit is oblong and bristly to 3 cm long by 2 cm wide and releases seeds when dry.

HABITAT & IMPACTS:

This species is widely naturalised in Australia and competes strongly with native plants.

CONTROL:

Hand-pull, dig young plants or spray. Try to control before seed has formed.

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