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## Stinging Nettle

bot. name - - (Urtica incisa)

<http://www.weeds.mangrovemountain.net/data/Urtica%20urens%20-%20Stinging%20nettle.pdf>

### DESCRIPTION :-

Upright, scrambling perennial herb with scattered stinging hairs on stems and leaves. The leaves are in pairs, dark green, lance-shaped to triangular and broadly-toothed, paler below, to 12cm x 7cm, on long leaf stalks. Flowers light greenish, small male and female in separate loose spikes along stems.

### MANAGEMENT

Stinging nettles are a common, tough weed to control. They spread from seed and from the roots so to control nettles you need to attack from both fronts.

Ideally prevent seed set for several years. Manual removal is difficult because the leaves and stems have stinging hairs. Isolated plants can be dug up with a fork or cultivator prior to flowering from July to December. Note: When removing them by hand, gloves and long sleeves are essential. Take a firm grip at the base of the plant and pull them out. If you have a big patch chip them out with a hoe. Alternatively use herbicide such as glyphosate which will be absorbed by the leaves and roots. Apply in autumn or winter before flowering. A repeat application may be required to control plants that germinate after spraying. Apply annually in June and repeat in September.

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