

Weed of the Month - Friends of Lochiel Park

“WANTED DEAD NOT ALIVE”

Sour Sob, Soursop, Yellow Sorrel, or Sour Grass.

bot. name - *Oxalis pes-caprae*.

<https://www.globalnetacademy.edu.au/what-weed-is-that-oxalis/>

DESCRIPTION :-

An almost hairless plant with long-stalked, trifoliate leaves that often have dark spots. The radiating clusters of drooping yellow, 5 petalled flowers are in clusters of 3-16 flowers on long slender stalks held well above the leaves from June to November. There are 10 stamens and 5 styles. The fruit is a narrow capsule. Oxalis has annual tops with a perennial root system with a vertical rhizome, bulbils and a bulb.

MANAGEMENT

In small areas, dig out the whole area surrounding the plant, taking the soil and all bulbs.

Another method is to cover the whole area with clear plastic to “solarise” the bed. This heats the soil temperature and helps eradicate the weeds. It may take successive treatments to completely eradicate oxalis and it requires the bed to be completely free of any plants you wish to keep!

And finally larger areas require repeated spraying with diuron and sulfonyl urea herbicides over several years.

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Invasive Sour sob



Whole plant

PLEASE NOTE:- There is a NATIVE OXALIS

<https://butterflyconservationsa.net.au/plant/oxalis-perennans/>



NOTE :-

Native Oxalis “Kantara” (*Oxalis perennans*) or Native Sorrell. It was a food resource for the Kaurna people.

We are trying to get this established so please be aware of its presence and note that native Oxalis does NOT have DOTs on the green LEAVES