Black-eyed Susan *(Non Restricted Invasive Weed)*
*Thunbergia alata*

This vine is an invader of roadsides and disturbed sites. It grows in a dense mat and is able to cover the limbs and foliage of plants over which it climbs.

Originally from South Africa, this hardy plant is grown in many gardens and has escaped into bushland areas. It has naturalised in areas of coastal Queensland.

Black-eyed Susan is an invasive plant which can disrupt native flora communities and ecosystems.

**Description**

Black-eyed susan is a slender vine that grows up to around 4m long.

The name refers to the flowers, which are bright yellow-orange, with a strikingly contrasting black centre and are produced all year round. Flowers have five petals and grow on a stalk.

Leaves are roughly triangular to heart-shaped, with soft, fine hairs and broadly toothed margins.

Roots form at the nodes of the stem when they come into contact with the soil, anchoring the vine and forming new plants.

The fruit is a woody capsule around 2cm in length with a long beak, containing four seeds.

**Management**

Most small infestations can be removed manually. It is important to ensure all materials are removed, as the weed will regenerate from broken plant pieces.

The plant should be dug out by the roots and disposed of at an appropriate waste management facility.