Brillantaisia  
*Brillantaisia lamium*

Native to west and central Africa, brillantaisia invades moist areas, especially creek banks, farmland and roadsides where original native vegetation has been disturbed.

The plant thrives in full sun as well as partial shade, provided the soil is moist. It spreads from seeds and broken stem fragments.

Brillantaisia is an invasive plant which can disrupt native flora communities and ecosystems. There are no legal requirements or restrictions on invasive weeds.

**Description**

Brillantaisia is a small shrub 20cm to 2m in height. Its hairy stems are square in cross-section and leaves are heart-shaped and arranged in opposite pairs along stem.

It has purple (sometimes white) pea-like flowers. Seeds are produced in long, cigar-shaped pods.

**Management**

Hand pull isolated plants and small infestations of brillantaisia, making sure that all roots and stem fragments are removed.

Plant pieces should either be bagged and taken to an appropriate waste management facility or hung up off the ground to prevent reshooting.


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**Environment**

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