Easter cassia **(Non Restricted Invasive Weed)**

*Senna pendula var. glabrata*

Easter cassia is a successful invader of disturbed or modified sites. It has been observed to establish in sunny openings and then scramble over the adjacent vegetation, often into the canopy layer of rain forest.

This weed is very common in Brisbane gardens and is naturalised in highly disturbed urban bushland and farmland in many areas of South East Queensland. It is frequently seen along roadsides and on the banks of waterways.

Easter cassia is an invasive plant which can disrupt native flora communities and ecosystems.

**Description**

This weed grows as a shrub, up to about 5m tall. Stems often grow in a zigzag pattern and may be sparsely hairy.

Leaves grow in alternate formation, and are pinnate with 3-6 pairs of leaflets. The topside of the leaf stalk has a gland between the lowermost leaflets.

Around Easter it produces masses of bright yellow flowers. Flowering is followed by hundreds of brown, slender seed pods up to 12cm long and each containing 5–10 seeds.

**Management**

Small individual plants can be removed by hand pulling, particularly in moist soil. Take care to remove the roots and consider applying mulch to discourage regrowth. Larger individuals may be dug out with a mattock or similar garden tool.

The whole crown must be removed for the achievement of long term control. This approach may be deemed too labour intensive for more established individual plants or for larger infestations.

If you would like further information on weeds look at the A–Z Listing of Weeds at [Queensland Government Website](http://queenslandgovernmentwebsite.com).