Singapore daisy  
*Sphagneticola trilobata*

Native to tropical America, Singapore daisy is a vigorous ground cover that will out-compete natural habitat. It is also becoming a problem by invading lawns, irrigated areas and around drains.

**Description**

Singapore daisy has lush glossy green leaves. The leaves are usually 3 lobed and in pairs up the stem. Singapore daisy produces yellow to orange-yellow daisy flowers about 2cm across all year round. The flowers are held above the leaves on short stalks.

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**Management**

Singapore daisy produces variable amounts of seeds but is mainly spread by cuttings via slashing and pruning. Revegetation of the cleared area should be pre planned to ensure that other weeds do not gain a foothold in the disturbed area, include mulching to keep weeds down.

Take care when mowing or slashing around areas planted with Singapore daisy, so as not to transfer the problem elsewhere.

Hand pull and dig up runners. The plant will regrow from the smallest cutting so dispose of waste carefully. Either burn waste or put into a black plastic bag and leave in the sun for a few days before putting into the refuse bin. Repeat hand pulling will need to be done as new regrowth appears.

If you would like further information on the control of Singapore daisy, head towards the A–Z Listing of Weeds at Queensland Government Website.

**Reference:** Land Protection (Invasive Plants and Animals), 2007, “PP92, Weed Busters Fact Sheet”, the State of Queensland, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries.