White root is an invasive plant which can disrupt native flora communities and ecosystems.

White root is a native ground creeper that develops extensive white underground rhizomes (hence the name ‘white root’). This can become a problem in ornamental and vegetable gardens and lawns.

Once established in an area where it isn’t wanted, it can be very difficult to control. However, in a natural bushland setting, the native plant is not generally considered a problem.

**Description**

White root has thin stems which can have a purplish tinge. The leaves are 2-3cm long, pointed, green on top and purple underneath, with toothed edges.

Flowers are mostly white, tinges with lavender or pink.

The distinctive feature is the white underground stems or rhizomes.

**Management**

In gardens, it may be possible to carefully hand-weed the plant, taking care to remove all the white rhizomes.

Alternatively, the soil can be dug out to a depth of about 15cm, bagged and thrown into the rubbish bin.

Mulching will not prevent this vigorous plant from growing.

If you would like further information on weeds look at the A–Z Listing of Weeds at Queensland Government Website.