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

Yellowberry can form dense thickets that dominate an area, excluding other native plants and pasture. It especially becomes a problem in disturbed areas and forest edges. The thin hairy spines along the canes cause irritation if they get into the skin.

Yellowberry is a major problem overseas, and has been nominated as one of the 100 worst invasive species of the world.

**Description**

The scrambling plant produces long thick canes covered in reddish brown bristly spines. The leaves are trifoliate – they have 3 leaflets and the flowers are white and about 1-2cm across. They produce yellow berries, similar to raspberries, which are edible.

It also produces milky sap when stems are broken, which irritating the skin and can cause dermatitis or blistering.

**Management**

As with any of the other blackberry-like weeds, controlling the plant can be difficult, due to its prickly nature and the large root system.

Yellowberry can be cut off and dug out. Care must be taken to remove as much of the root system as possible. These roots – like other blackberries – have underground shoots, which means the plant can easily regrow from root pieces remaining in the ground. This same feature makes the plant difficult to control with herbicides.

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