

# MADAGASCAN FIREWEED

## ALERT

*Senecio madagascariensis*



Madagascar Fireweed is a many branched daisy like plant. Can grow to 70cm high.  
Photo: H. Rose



Seeds readily spread by the wind. Photo: B. Johnston



**Madagascan Fireweed flower showing 13 petals (can have 12 to 15 petals). Flower diameter 2cm – about the width of a one dollar coin. Photo: B. Trounce**



**Serrated leaf margins of Madagascan Fireweed. Photo: H. Rose**

Madagascan Fireweed has been recently located at 15 different sites across the ACT. This weed has never been found at multiple locations in the ACT so this is regarded as a new weed incursion. It is a serious invasive weed of pasture and grassland and is able to grow on most soil types and in all aspects. Madagascan Fireweed is toxic to livestock and horses. It grows rapidly and sets seed quickly, producing thousands of windblown seed that easily invade overgrazed or open areas, then spreads rapidly to surrounding pastures and reserves.

If sighted, call Canberra Connect on 132281. Your report will be forwarded to the Weed Management staff in the ACT Parks & Conservation Service. Taking a photograph will greatly assist the Parks staff in their work to contain this weed.



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