

## Pests and Weeds

### D

**Duranta** – highly poisonous - and we thought it was a lovely garden plant!!



It was first recorded in Queensland in 1931 as a potential weed but has spread in coastal areas of Queensland. **Duranta** is in the same plant family, Verbenaceae, as lantana. While it is popular nursery plant, it has many common properties of an environmental weed, and is **highly poisonous** to pets, stock and people – especially children.

Further information:

[https://keyserver.lucidcentral.org/weeds/data/media/Html/duranta\\_erecta.htm](https://keyserver.lucidcentral.org/weeds/data/media/Html/duranta_erecta.htm)

### **F**

#### **Fruit Fly**

In two litres of water:

2 teaspoons vegemite dissolved

2 tablespoons ammonia

Cut small window flap, hinged at the top, on opposite sides of 2 litre milk bottle, and about 2cm square. Open out so f/f can get in. Place 2-3 cm of mixture in container and replace top. Hang 2 bottles (3-4 for large tree) at waist high around perimeter of tree. Put baits out when fruit just formed and renew as necessary. For grapefruit still on tree in August put them out now as f/f will be about very soon with warm weather coming.

Supplied by Jenny Creal - It really works if you are diligent about it!

### **M**

#### **Moth Vine *Araujia Sericifera***



Moth vine is native of southern Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. It is a perennial climber with twining stems, climbing to 10m on supporting vegetation.

Moth vine spreads by wind-blown and water-dispersed seed. Weed of wasteland and forests adjoining settlement mainly in coastal areas. Plants smoother supporting vegetation, are poisonous and the sap is a skin irritant.

(<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/MothVine>)

**T**

**Termites**

TermiKill - Control and Get Rid of Termites & White Ants

<https://termikill.com.au/>

Supplied by Jenny Creal who found TermiKill works a lot quicker in the warmer months when termites are more active