



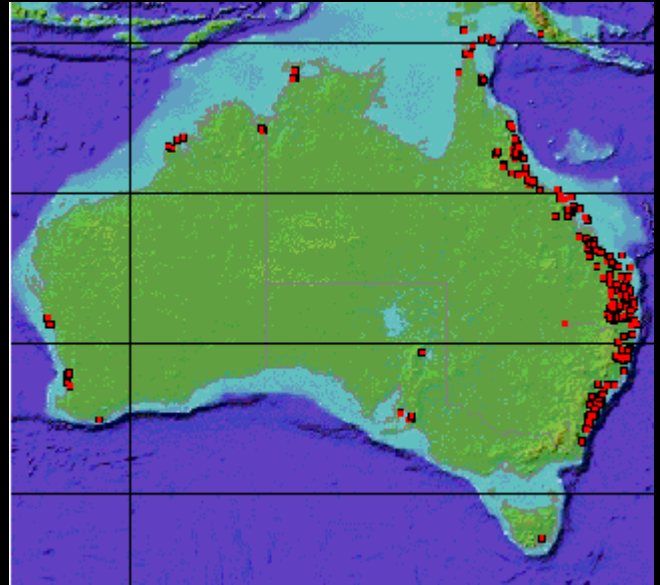
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Lantana

Lantana Camara



Courtesy of Australian virtual herbarium

Description: Lantana is a perennial, evergreen, many branched, pleasant smelling, dense scrambling shrub to 2-4 m high with arched branches and young growth with small prickles and stiff hairs. Lantana is native to warm areas of both North and South America. It was introduced as an ornamental or hedge plant

As A Soil Indicator: Very low Calcium, Very low Phosphorus, Very high Potassium, High Magnesium, High Manganese, Very high Iron, High Boron, Low humus in the soil, Good drainage, High Aluminum levels

Life cycle: Seeds germinate at any time of the year that is warm and moist with most germinating after the first summer storms. Initial growth is slow as root systems are established. Establishment under dense infestations is usually poor. They grow for 2-3 season before flowering mainly in spring and summer. Growth is greatest in warm, wet weather and almost stops in cool weather or during dry periods.

Detrimental: serious bushland weed of eastern Australia infesting over 4 million hectares.

Produces dense thickets that prevent recruitment of native species, alter soil chemistry and nutrient cycling. Probably allelopathic.

Weed of plantation crops and pastures, citrus, coconut, timber and rubber plantations.

Listed a one of the "Worlds Worst Weeds" and a "Weed of National Significance"

Toxicity: Toxic to stock and humans but no cases recorded for WA. Young animals and those not accustomed to the plant appear to be at greatest risk.