

National Willows Program

- National policy on importation
 - to prevent future problems
- Biological control and other research
 - protecting our investment for the future
- Education / awareness / communications
 - National Best Practice Management Guide
 - Nursery and Garden Industry
 - Increasing broad public awareness
- Mapping and weed risk assessment
 - can't manage what we don't know

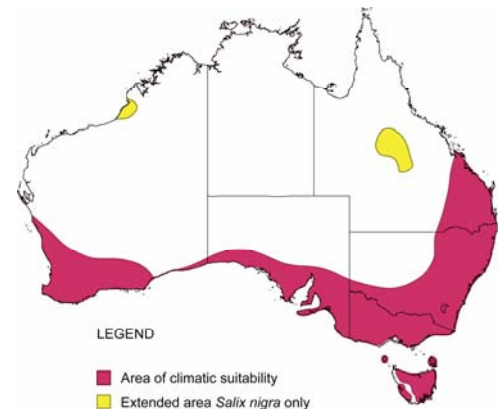
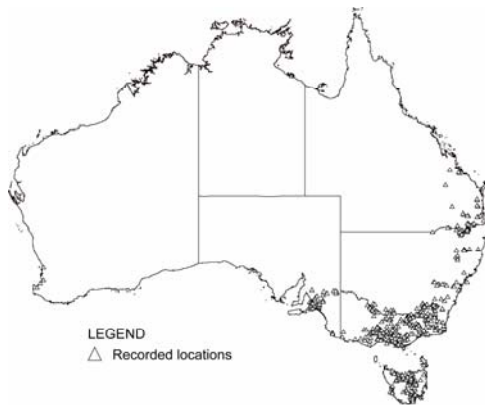
Developing willow management priorities

- Mapping and weed risk assessment
- National project
- Workshops
 - create/update regional maps
 - training in mapping, sawfly and ID



Developing willow management priorities

- Weed risk assessment
 - risk, impacts, current and potential distribution and feasibility of control
- Priority actions for willow management
 - reports to each state and CMA/NRM region
 - maps of distribution and potential spread



Find out more...

Website:

www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/Willows

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Willow Strip Newsletter

Weeds of National Significance



WILLOW IDENTIFICATION

An essential skill for effective willow management

Supported by the State Government of Victoria.



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Did you know?

Q: How many types of willows are there in the world?

Clue: more than 100 have been imported to Australia in the past, so lots more than this.

A: More than 300 different species, varieties, cultivars and hybrids

Approx. 35 of these are naturalised in Australia

New hybrids are forming every day



The art of identification ...

- > 300 worldwide
- > 100 introduced to Aust
- > 30 naturalised in Aust
 - species, sub-species, varieties, cultivars and hybrids
- Remarkable ability to form hybrids
- Plant features can vary dramatically



Need to know...

- Is it a tree or shrub willow?
- How brittle are the branches?
- Is it male or female or both?
- Does it produce viable seed



Did you know?

Q: What kind of sportsmen would pay top dollar for a bit of willow wood?

Clue: If we got one of these players as our ambassador, our motto could be 'Waugh on willows'

A: Cricket players

Cricket bats are made from the cricket bat willow (*Salix alba var. coerulea*)



Why identify willows?

- Implications for management
- Eradication of all willows not feasible
- Need to effectively prioritise control efforts
- Stop the spread of willows
 - by seed or branches/twigs
- Reduce current and future impacts