



Smilax

Asparagus asparagoides

Smilax is a
menace!

We need your
help to get rid of
this invasive
plant completely
from the
Wellington
region.

Smilax has been
found in your neighbourhood. If you
suspect it may be on your property, or
know of other sites, contact us and we will
control it free of charge.



Impact

Smilax is readily spread by birds in our environment. If left uncontrolled smilax will smother and replace plants in the sub canopy.

Smilax is currently limited throughout the Wellington region, so with your help we have an opportunity to eliminate it completely by acting now, before it spreads further.

Description

Smilax is a fast growing climber that grows up to 3 metres high with sprawling stems to 6 metres. The stems are numerous, string-like and twine themselves around branches or saplings for support.

The leaves of smilax are glossy green, 10-35mm long and 4 - 15mm wide, growing alternately along the length of the stem.

White flowers (6-8mm in diameter) appear from July to August. The berries (6-10mm in diameter) appear in late spring

and early summer turning burgundy/red. The berries are sticky and contain up to nine black seeds when mature.

Contact us

If you know of any sites of this pest plant please contact us so we can destroy it.



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