

## Some weeds to avoid planting and remove from gardens

### Bluebell creeper



Vigorous twining plant with blue, white or pink bell-shaped flowers that smothers and strangles native vegetation.

### Pennisetum grasses



These foreign 'feather-grasses' spread quickly in coastal dunes and pastures and will spread prolifically after bushfires.

### Polygala



This South African shrub with purple and white pea flowers has invaded many coastal dunes and cliff tops.

### Acacia cyclops



Acacia cyclops seed pods burst open to reveal seeds encircled by a thick red stalk. Stop the invasion of this weedy wattle from Western Australia!

### Gazania and Arctotis



These perennial daisies spread mainly by seed, smothering native groundcovers in coastal areas.

### Succulents



Flesh-leaved succulents reproduce vegetatively and can spread rapidly. Please don't plant them near the coast or along bush driveways.



## Are Australian natives OK?

Unfortunately, many problem weeds on Kangaroo Island are native to other parts of Australia. Outside their native home, if conditions are suitable, they'll spread and spread.....



Bluebell Creeper, Parndana area

Thousands of dollars and many hours of community time have been spent removing weeds from the bush on K.I.

## What's wrong with garden plants on the beach and in the bush?

By suckering or producing lots of seedlings, they invade the bush and smother native plants

This affects host plants for butterflies and other native insects and food plants for birds, pygmy possums etc.



Italian Buckthorn seedlings, Emu Bay

For more information on KI weeds and advice on native plants to grow, please contact DENR: PH (08) 8553 4444

**Protect Kangaroo Island's coast and bush from**  
*invasion by garden plants!*



Please plant wisely and don't dump garden waste in the bush



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