

Large-scale releases of a new biological control agent for crofton weed in NSW



A new biological control agent for crofton weed, the rust fungus *Baeodromus eupatorii*, is now available for widespread release across NSW

The rust fungus infects young leaves and stems of crofton weed and has great potential to reduce competitiveness, reproduction and spread of the weed. It was approved for release in Australia in May 2014 and has so far only been released at a handful of sites in NSW.



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A release program in partnership with the community will be undertaken during 2015 to facilitate releases of the fungus across the range of crofton weed in NSW. Infected material will be provided to community members at no cost. Participants will be provided with simple guidelines on how to make the release and monitor establishment and spread, and will be expected to provide feedback.

If you are interested in participating in the release program, please contact us for further information:
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