



Local Land
Services
Greater Sydney

Have you seen this weed in Sydney?
Tiger pear (*Opuntia aurantiaca*)



We have an integrated management program underway for this weed and we want to know where it is growing.

Please report any sightings to:

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Tiger pear is a Weed of National Significance (WONS) native to Uruguay and Argentina. **The large thorns of Tiger pear can cause injury to people, pets, stock and wildlife.** It is now considered the most troublesome of all cactus species in NSW. Tiger pear is an emerging weed issue in Sydney and we want to know where it is growing.

Quarantine is important! Tiger pear segments break from plants easily and are moved by water, animals and often by humans!



Photos credit: <http://www.northwestweeds.com.au/sample-page/tiger-pear/>

These biological controls are active in Sydney:



Cactoblastis (a moth) – *Cactoblastis cactorum*



Cochineal (a scale insect) – *Dactylopius austrinus*

For more Tiger pear information including herbicide options visit:
<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Details/251>