

# Another **Bad Weed!**

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This rather attractive, glossy-leaved bush is the toxic Spurge-laurel (*Daphne laureola*). This is NOT the scented garden Daphne, but it looks a bit similar. The whole plant is poisonous!

It's native to Great Britain, but has become an extremely invasive weed in America & NZ. It's been found in Tasmania – Fern Tree, Lorinna, and now Western Ck near Deloraine.



We've found it mainly in forest understorey, but some on the edge of paddocks too. It seems to prefer some shade. Birds easily spread the seeds and seedlings come up fast.

While it's only in a few places, we have a chance. If we don't act it might be the next foxglove or the next gorse! Hobart City Council wants to eradicate it and we locals do too!

Don't just pull it out or cut it – it's poisonous and the sap readily irritates skin. Plus some native plants look similar. It is important that we know just where it has spread, to do what we can towards eradication.

**If you see this plant anywhere, please contact –**

**Neil on 0417 549 802 or Laurie on 0427 818 302**

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These plants were cut at soil level and painted with glyphosate



Established plants



Young plants



Berries



Seedlings

The native plant *Pimelia drupacea* (Cherry rice flower) has similar looking berries