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ABOUT US

We are a community problem solving team made up of Kerikeri High School students. Our aim is to control the spread of Tradescantia along the Wairoa Stream Track.

A solution involving control through beetles and manual weeding is currently being undertaken.



TRADESCANTIA TERMINATORS

A
KKHS Community
Problem Solving
team



Photos by Roz Clent



Tradescantia is a major problem along the Wairoa Stream Track

WHAT IS TRADESCANTIA?

Tradescantia (also known as Wandering Willy and Wandering Jew) is one of the worst weeds in New Zealand. Through shading out and smothering native seedlings it prevents forest regeneration.

The weed which can cause allergic reactions in dogs is very difficult to remove as pieces as small as 1cm can regrow.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As outlined by Weedbusters guidelines, the following recommendations for removal (best done in drought period) are made:

- 1. Rake and roll up, working towards the centre.**
- 2. Dispose of ideally through on site composting, ensuring no light is available.**
- 3. Spray to follow up.**

Note: any dropped fragments can spread infestation.

Further details at:

<http://www.weedbusters.org.nz/weed-information/tradescantia-fluminensis/59/>

THE WAIROA TRACK

Tradescantia is present in high quantities along the Wairoa Stream track. This track runs from Cobham Bridge to the Stone Store.

