

# WURUNDJERI WALK

## Weeds of Wurundjeri Walk

**Botanical Name:** *Araujia sericifera/Araujia hortorum*

**Common Name:** Moth Vine      **Origin:** South America

### Photo/Line Drawing:



**Habit:** Vigorous, perennial climber to 10 metres high

### Description:

- Twining stems that ooze milky sap when cut
- Large triangular green leaves
- White to pale pink bell-shaped flowers in clusters
- Large, egg-shaped blue-green fruit (like chokos)
- Split fruit release many blackish-coloured seeds each with a tuft of long white silky hairs



**Dispersal:**

- Wind, water (seeds float)
- Dumped garden waste

**Location(s) in Wurundjeri Walk:**

- A recent arrival in Wurundjeri Walk with three plants physically removed from 2015 to 2017. All were located in planting beds climbing up indigenous vegetation

**Indigenous plant look-alikes:** N/A

**Weed Management/Control Methods:**

1. Individual climbers can be physically removed (care not to split fruit and release tufted seed)
2. Chemical control – cut and paint stump; foliar spray (ParksWide staff or authorised contractors only)

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