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Common weeds set 2

Genus	species	Common name	Family	Life cycle	Stem and growth	Leaves	Inflorescence	Flowers	Fruits
Lygodium	microphyllum	Old World climbing fern	Schizaeaceae	perennial, flammable understory	vine, to 30 m, smothers trees	pinnate	Sporangia on leaf margin	not a flowering plant	reproduces by spores
Pistia	stratiotes	waterlettuce	Araceae	perennial	floating aquatic plant in rosettes	grayish green, marked with parallel veins	clustered in leaf axils	inconspicuous	many-seeded green berry
Imperata	cylindrica	cogongrass	Poaceae	perennial	spreading by rhizomes	bright green in stands; sheaths fringed at top	cylyndrical panicles; silky; looks fuzzy	spikelets 3-6 mm long, silky hairs to 10 mm	caryopsis dispersed in spikelet
Neyraudia	reynaudiana	Burmareed	Poaceae	perennial	erect, tall reed to 3 m tall	leaf sheaths woolly at the top	feathery, silvery panicle 30 to 60 cm long	long-hairy spikelets 6-8 mm long	caryopsis dispersed in spikelet
Dioscorea	bulbifera	air potato	Convolvulaceae	perennial	vine, smothering	broadly heart-shaped, prominently palmately veined, to 20 cm long	flowers rare, in spikes	rare, from leaf axils	reproduces by pendant aerial tubers
Mimosa	pigra	catclaw mimosa	Fabaceae	perennial	shrub to 6 m tall, thickets	twice compound	dense heads about 1 cm across	mauve to pink	brown, bristly pods
Pueraria	montana	kudzu	Fabaceae	perennial	vine to 20 m, smothers trees and buildings	alternate, trifoliolate, dark green, hairy on both sides	short-stalked clusters at leaf axils.	reddish purple	flat brown pod covered with long golden-brown hairs
Hydrilla	verticillata	hydrilla	Hydrocharitaceae	perennial	submersed aquatic herb, stems much branched	leaves whorled, to 20 mm long, with teeth on margins	axillary buds at leaf axils	whitish or translucent	reproduces generally by vegetative turions
Melaleuca	quinquenervia	paperbark tree	Myrtaceae	perennial	tree, whitish bark	grayish green, narrowly lanceolate	"bottlebrush" spikes to 16 cm	creamy white, camphor smell	woody capsule to 3 mm wide
Solanum	viarum	tropical soda apple	Solanaceae	perennial	shrub to 2 m tall with thorns to 1 cm long	stellate pubescent and some glandular hairs, leaves deeply divided	flowers beneath the leaves	white with yellow stamens	roundish, green, yellowing at maturity