

Solanum sisymbriifolium [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Solanales	Solanaceae

Common name manacader (English), wild tomato (English), pilkalapis baklazanas (Lithuanian), viscid nightshade (English, United States, Australia), ocote mullaca (Spanish), dense-thorn bitter apple (English), alco-Chileo (Spanish), sticky nightshade (English, United States, United Kingdom), red buffalo-burr (English, British Isles), liuskakoiso (English), tutia o Espina Colorada (English), doringtamatie (Afrikaans, South Africa), raukenblatt-nachtschatten (English, Austria), klebriger nachtschatten (German), wildetamatie (Afrikaans, South Africa), tomatillo (Spanish), jeweelie (English, Argentina), tutia (Spanish), arrabenta cavalo (English), puca-puca (Spanish), espina colorada (Spanish), revienta caballo (Spanish), mullaca espinudo (English), jua de roca (Portuguese), uvilla (English), jua das queimadas (Portuguese), morelle de balbis (French), litchi tomato (English), fire and ice plant (English), joão bravo (English)

Synonym *Solanum sisymbriifolium* , Lam.
Solanum decurrens , Balb.
Solanum formosum , Weinm.
Solanum brancaefolium , Jacq.
Solanum thouinii , C.C. Gmel.
Solanum viscidum , Schweigg.
Solanum balbisii , Dunal.
Solanum inflatum , Hornem.
Solanum viscosum , Lag.
Solanum mauritianum , Willd.
Solanum subviscidum , Schrank, Denkschr.
Solanum balbisii , var. *purpureum* Hook.
Solanum edule , Vell.
Solanum balbisii , var. *bipinnata* Hook.
Solanum balbisii , var. *oligospermum* Sendtn.
Solanum sisymbriifolium , var. *heracleifolium* Sendtn.
Solanum sisymbriifolium *purpureiflorum* , Dunal.
Solanum sisymbriifolium , var. *bipinnatipartitum* Dunal.
Solanum sisymbriifolium , var. *brevilobum* Dunal.
Solanum sisymbriifolium , var. *oligospermum*
Solanum sabeianum , Buckley.
Solanum sisymbriifolium , forma *lilacinum* Kuntze.
Solanum sisymbriifolium , var. *macrocarpum* Kuntze.
Solanum sisymbriifolium , forma *albiflorum* Kuntze.
Solanum rogersii , S.Moore.
Solanum bipinnatifidum , Larrañaga.
Solanum sisymbriifolium , var. *gracile* Mattos.
Solanum xanthacanthum , Willd.
Solanum opuliflorum , Port.

Similar species *Solanum linnaeanum*

Summary

Solanum sisymbriifolium is a viscid, hairy herb native to South America that is currently distributed throughout the world. It is valued for its many uses, which include its use as a trap crop for potato cyst nematodes, and the use of its fruit as both a source of solasodine (used to synthesise hormones) and as a food for birds and humans. However, it acts as an invasive weed in some parts of its range by out-competing local vegetation. Biological control methods for *Solanum sisymbriifolium* have been determined and applied in some regions.



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Species Description

Solanum sisymbriifolium is an annual or perennial erect, rhizomatous herb about 1 metre in height. The stem and branches are viscid, hairy, and armed with flat, orange-yellow spines up to 15mm in length. The ovate to lanceolate leaves are borne on petioles 1-6cm long and are pubescent both above and below with stellate and glandular hairs. The leaves are pinnately divided into 4-6 coarse lobes and may be up to 40cm long and 25cm wide. Inflorescences emerge from the foliage and are internodal, unbranched racemes composed of 1-10 perfect or staminate flowers. The 5-parted flowers are white, light blue, or mauve, about 3cm in diameter, and are subtended by a hairy calyx 5-6mm long. Erect, converging anthers are 8-10mm long, and ovary is puberulent with a style 1cm long. Red, succulent, globular berries are 12-20mm in diameter with pale yellow seeds 2.9-3.2mm long (Bean, 2006; D'arcy, 1974; Radford *et al.*, 1968).

Notes

In Florida *Solanum sisymbriifolium* is well established in local populations but apparently has difficulty expanding past those sites (D'arcy, 1974).

Lifecycle Stages

When planted in the field, *Solanum sisymbriifolium* germinates in 2-4 weeks. It may grow slowly for the first 4-6 weeks, but growth following that period can be vigorous (PCN Control Group, 2004).

Uses

Solanum sisymbriifolium is best known for its use as a trap crop for potato cyst nematodes (PCN), such as *Globodera rostochiensis* and *G. pallida*. Using *S. sisymbriifolium* in potato fields helps prevent the potato crop from being infested with PCN, and has been shown to reduce populations of PCN by 50-80% (Timmermans *et al.*, 2006). *S. sisymbriifolium* is an excellent trap crop because it stimulates the hatching of juvenile PCN from their cysts by root diffusates, yet is completely resistant to infestation by the juveniles once they hatch, preventing reproduction of the pests (PCN Control Group, 2004; Scholte, 2000; Timmermans *et al.*, 2006). The species is also highly resistant to the nematodes *Meloidogyne*, *Trichodorus*, and *Pratylenchus* (PCN Control Group, 2004). Additionally, the roots of *S. sisymbriifolium* are resistant to a number of strains of the bacterial wilt pathogen *Pseudomonas solanacearum*.

The fruits of *S. sisymbriifolium* are edible and are consumed regularly by indigenous birds (Hill & Hulley, 1995) and infrequently by the Chorote Indians of Gran Chaco, Argentina (Arenas & Scarpa, 2007). The fruit is also a source of solasodine, a glycoalkaloid used in the synthesis of corticosteroids and sex hormones, and a large component of oral contraceptives (Hill & Hulley, 1995). *S. sisymbriifolium* is cultivated as an ornamental in Europe (Shaw, 2000).

Habitat Description

Solanum sisymbriifolium is found along roadsides and in waste places, landfills, and plowed fields both in its native South America (Hill and Hullley, 1995) as well as most of its nonnative range. In Australia it is found in shrubby eucalypt woodlands (Bean, 2006). It is able to succeed in any type of soil and soil pH, but requires moisture and thrives in peat and sandy soils. It is tolerant of low-light situations (PCN Control Group, 2004; Plants For a Future, 2004).

Reproduction

Sexual reproduction resulting in seeds is the predominant means of reproduction for *Solanum sisymbriifolium* (Hill & Hulley, 1994), but the species may also reproduce asexually by the growth of its rhizomes (Bean, 2006). It is believed to be self-incompatible (D'arcy, 1974).

General Impacts

Solanum sisymbriifolium may compete with local vegetation to their exclusion. It is declared a Category 1 alien invader plant in South Africa, and it may not be planted, propagated, imported, or sold in the country (SANBI, 2001).

Management Info

Preventative measures: As *Solanum sisymbriifolium* tends to be invasive, its introduction as a trap crop or cultivated plant into a new region should be considered thoroughly before implementation.

Mechanical: Mechanical means of control are difficult due to the species' ability to coppice after cutting and to reproduce prolifically by seed and rootstock (Byrne, Currin, and Hill 2002).

Biological: Biological control methods for *Solanum sisymbriifolium* include the leaf-feeding tortoise beetle *Gratiana spadicea* and the flower-feeding weevil *Anthonomus sisymbrii*. *G. spadicea* was released in South Africa in 1994 for control of *S. sisymbriifolium*, and *A. sisymbrii* has been considered for introduction there as well (Olckers, Medal, and Gandolfo, 2002).

Pathway

Solanum sisymbriifolium may have been introduced unintentionally to South Africa with imported horse fodder (Byrne, Currin, and Hill, 2002). Introduced to new areas for use as a trap crop for potato cyst nematodes.

Principal source: [Bean, 2006 *Solanum* species of Eastern Australia. Version: 8th October 2006.](#)

D'arcy, 1974. *Solanum* and Its Close Relatives in Florida.

[PCN Control Group, 2004. SA-LINK 112 Projects: Introducing *Solanum sisymbriifolium* as a trap crop for potato cyst nematodes in the UK. Nematode Interaction Unit at Rothamsted Research.](#)

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