

Please report fringed spider flower sightings in the Kimberley

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is asking residents of the Kimberley to report sightings of fringed spider flower (*Sieruela rutidosperma*).

Fringed spider flower (or purple cleome) is a declared pest in Western Australia, and we **need your help** to eradicate it.

The pest plant is established in the Northern Territory, and it's likely the plant arrived in the Kimberley by accident, with sightings in Kununurra and Wyndham.

Action

If you have planted a new garden or maintain a garden, we ask that you check for fringed spider flower and report any finds to DPIRD. See next page for contact details.

Should you find the pest plant, please leave it in place. One of our staff will visit to bag it up and remove it to prevent it spreading to landfill.

What does fringe spider flower look like?

Sieruela rutidosperma, commonly known as fringed spider flower (or purple cleome), is a small herbaceous plant that forms dense mats and grows 50-70cm (up to 1m) in height.

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- The flowers consist of 4 petals of light purple, or pink, and are very small (1cm or less).
- The leaves are trifoliate (divided into 3 leaflets) and tightly packed, with clearly defined veins.
- The stems are covered with fine hairs that can be irritating upon skin contact.

It's easy to report fringed spider flower

Please choose one of the following options:

- MyPestGuide reporter app or web tool: Scan the QR code, create report, then select 'Send report: MyWeedWatcher'
- Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS): (08) 9368 3080 or email padis@dpird.wa.gov.au



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