

Hyptis/Horehound

Hyptis suaveolens

Hyptis is declared a Class B (growth and spread to be controlled) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory.

Hyptis is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weeds Management Act*.

HABIT



An annual or perennial, upright, branched plant with a characteristic minty aroma. Plants generally grow to 1 - 1.5m in height, but can reach 2m.

STEMS & ROOTS



Stems are square. Young plants (pictured) have green stems, covered with fine hairs. Stems on mature plants are unlikely to exceed 5mm in diameter.

LEAVES



Hyptis has hairy, opposite leaves, which are broad at the base, with a pointed tip and have toothed margins. Leaf size varies from 2.5 - 7cm long and 1 - 5cm wide.

FLOWERS



Small, lavender-blue flowers occur in clusters in the leaf joints.

FRUIT & SEED



Hyptis produces an obvious capsule which is originally green but dries to brown. Each capsule has five stiff bristles. Seeds are dark brown to black in colour, shield-shaped and 3 - 3.5mm wide.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).