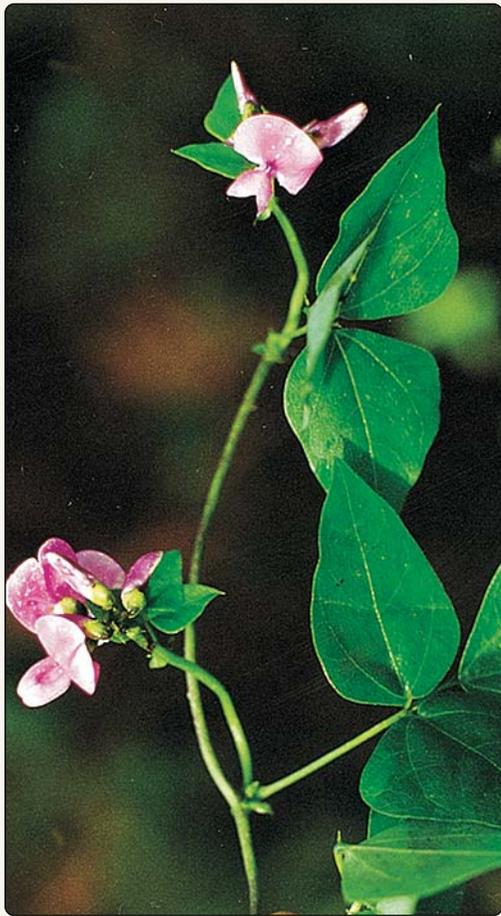


Mile-a-minute (*Dipogon lignosus*)



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Mile-a-minute is a vigorous scrambler/climber that grows on roadsides or track sides, in open scrubland and at the forest edge, where it smothers other plants. The leaves have three roughly heart-shaped leaflets, each 2.5 - 5.5 cm long. The flowers are pea-like, coloured white to pink, lavender and white or reddish purple. The pods each contain 3 - 5 seeds. Birds use the plant for nesting material, assisting its spread. Water and contaminated soil or road metal may also carry the seeds.

Young plants can be pulled out and disposed of carefully. Older plants can be cut and the stumps painted with herbicide. Alternatively the foliage of plants can be sprayed with herbicide.

Contact your Regional Council for advice on control methods.