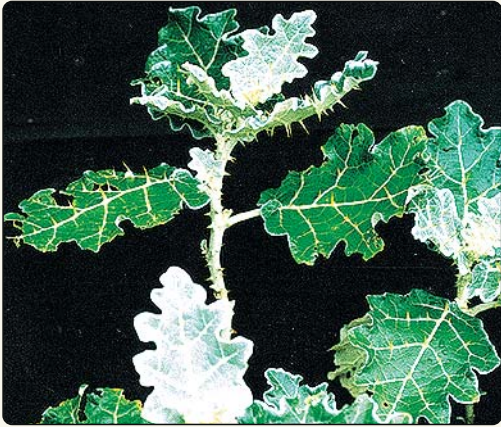


White-edged nightshade (*Solanum marginatum*)



Shrub



Leaves have long prickles on the veins



Green berries go yellow as they ripen

White-edged nightshade is a perennial shrub that can grow up to 5 m high. It is easily recognised by its characteristic prickly leaves that have chalky white undersides and edges of the upper side.

The stems are clothed in white felt-like hairs with long, yellow coloured prickles and the leaves are large, broadly oval and have long prickles on the veins. White flowers, sometimes with purplish veins, bloom in clusters of 2-10 at the ends of branches. The berries, which change from green to yellow as they ripen, are borne on stout, prickly stalks. The seeds are probably spread by birds.

Smaller plants should be grubbed or dug out, taking care to remove the taproot. Larger plants should be cut and the cut stump treated with herbicide.

Contact your Regional Council for advice on control methods.