

# Asparagus fern Asparagus fern

## *Asparagus densiflorus*

### Impacts

- Elsewhere in the world, especially Australia, it is a big problem as dense populations smother other species and prevent natural regeneration
- Patches are unpleasant to walk through due to the thorns
- It is extremely difficult to eradicate due to the persistent bulbs.



Photos: Andrew Darlow

### Actions

- As the bulbs are not easily removed, eradication is difficult and time-consuming, especially as many of the areas are hard to work in as the fern is so dense
- Control it while the distribution is still relatively narrow, before it spreads into other areas and becomes a serious problem
- Create greater public awareness of the threat
- Encourage people not to plant it in gardens, instead plant endemic alternative