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Maurandia erubescens

Impacts

- It is quite brittle and so when you try to pull it up it breaks, and each piece will then put down roots
- On the Peaks it uses the native ferns to wind its way up on
- The seeds drop off through the vegetation and split open on the ground
- It is distributed by car tyres along the roadside, which is a major dispersal agent for many of the invasive species



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Actions

- Very slow and careful removal is required
- The process entails working down to the root and then extracting the plant
- However, erosion occurs if it is pulled out and the earth is washed away
- On the Peaks, minimum ground disturbance is required to limit the risk of introducing an invasive