

# Cotoneaster

*The colourful weed you don't want in your garden*

Its bright berries may look attractive but cotoneaster is a pest

## HELP STOP ITS SPREAD!

### What is cotoneaster?

Cotoneaster is an introduced bushy plant with brightly-coloured berries that has been classified as a pest. There are three different types in the Ohau and Waitaki Lakes region:



Cotoneaster simonsii  
(khasia berry)



Cotoneaster glaucophyllus  
(bright bead cotoneaster)



Cotoneaster horizontalis  
(wall spray)

### What can I plant instead?

There are lots of native or non-spreading exotics that you can use instead of cotoneaster, such as the native Korokia, Photinia or even Crepe Myrtle.



Korokia



Photinia



Crepe myrtle

### What should I do if I have this weed on my property?

It's best to remove this plant from your property and please don't give it to neighbours or plant new seedlings.

For disposal use the Resource Recovery Parks where green waste is accepted at Twizel and Tekapo.

Your local nursery should be able to help you with ideas.

*Need more help?*

*Contact a biodiversity officer  
at Environment Canterbury  
0800 324 636*

*Or get in touch with  
the Ohau Conservation Trust  
or Weedbusters*

[www.ohauconservationtrust.nz](http://www.ohauconservationtrust.nz)  
[www.weedbusters.co.nz](http://www.weedbusters.co.nz)