



Yachats Weed of the Month - November

Old Man's Beard (*Clematis vitalba*)

Impact: Clematis invades moist forests, especially along river banks and near urban areas. A vine that grows up to 100 ft. long, it can climb and smother tall trees by cutting off the light they need for photosynthesis. Aaron Duzik of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District was recently awarded a grant to treat clematis. You can see the results of some of his work in the dead vines in trees along Highway 101 to the north of the bridge in Yachats. Clematis has also invaded the coastal forest near Devil's Churn in the Cape Perpetua scenic area.

Identification: Clematis is a perennial, deciduous, woody vine. The compound leaves are in groups of five, sometimes displaying coarse serrations. Clematis blooms in late summer, producing small white flowers. The flowers and seed heads make clematis easily identifiable at this time of the year. The seed heads remain visible through the winter.

Management: Do not cultivate any clematis unless you are sure it is a non-invasive variety. Pull or dig clematis plants out by the roots. Clematis in trees will die if the vines are cut near the base of the tree and the roots are removed. Dispose of the plants where they will not be able to re-establish themselves. If you discover clematis on public land in our area, please alert us to the problem.

Contact information: Call Wally at 541 547 5474 if you have any questions. For Yachats' invasive plants web page, go to www.yachats.info/YIPS



Flowers



Seed heads

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