

Landcare!

Junior Landcare kids care for our future!

Your mission is to complete this worksheet and track down some weeds. Weeds can be wily so you will need to do some detective work! Use the Landcare Project Kit to help you with your mission ❖❖❖

BECOME A WEED BUSTER!

If you would like to find out more about weeds, then check out www.juniorlandcare.com



BE A BUTTERFLY'S BUDDY!

Your first mission is to identify this butterfly and find out why weeds affect it! Jump online to find out the answers to these questions. We've scrambled the answers and put them in brackets to give you some clues:

- 1) This butterfly is a: _____ (Ming Rib Dwon Chird)
- 2) This butterfly lays eggs on the native _____ vines. (Rist Rapa Loo Achi)
- 3) Sometimes this butterfly lays eggs on the introduced plant the _____ pipe, but this plant is toxic, so when the eggs hatch, the larvae eat the plant and die. (Chuts Madn)

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Read page 9 of the Project Kit and then fill in the blanks using the clues below:

Fern = Poisonous = Pest = Gloves = Mulch

- 1) Some weeds can be _____.
- 2) Asparagus _____ has escaped from gardens into the bush in many places.
- 3) It is best to wear _____ when collecting weeds.
- 4) Putting _____ on the ground helps keep down weeds.
- 5) Weeds are _____ plants.

Landcare!

Junior Landcare kids care for our future!

WHICH WEED IS WHICH?

See if you can match the weed to its description. You might have to jump online to find out a bit more about these weeds. We've done the first one for you as an example:

I have pretty flowers, prickly leaves and branches, poisonous berries, I grow in dense shrubs and I come from South America

Blackberry

I grow into big trees with spreading branches and light green leaves. My wood smells strongly of camphor.

Salvinia

I grow in clumps of thin 'canes' that are almost like thick vines on the ground. I am covered in prickles and have dark purplish leaves. I have small flowers and berries that change from green to red as they ripen.

Bitou bush

I am an aquatic weed that floats on the water. I am made up of small fern-like fronds. I can double my area in two days!

Lantana

I am a sprawling shrub that grows in coastal areas. I have fleshy green leaves and small daisy-like yellow flowers

Camphor laurel

PHOTO JOURNALIST!

Your next mission is to be a photo journalist! Go on a weed hunt and take photos of five different weeds that have escaped into the wild in your area. Keep track of each photo. Write down the following:

- a) Where was the photo taken**
 - b) When was the photo taken**
- Make sure you also say what each of your five weeds are!**

MAP MAKER

Once you've completed the above mission, draw a map of the area, showing where you found the weeds. Label the weed names on the map and colour in the weeds in orange. How big should your orange section be? Try to work out the dimensions of your weed patch eg. is it 3m by 2m?

WHAT AM I?

You'll really need to be a detective to work out the answers to this one!

We've pictured two plants that have escaped from gardens. See if you can work out what the plants are called and where they live. Hints: the flowers in the first picture are purple. The grass in the second picture is named after something you usually associate with water.



I am a: _____

I like living in areas that are:



I am a: _____

I like living in areas that are:
