



# Brazillian Cherry

## Eugenia uniflora

Brazilian cherry is native to South America. Introduced and sold as an ornamental hedge and fruit tree, it is regarded as highly invasive in Queensland, particularly in most fertile soils. The bright coloured, fleshy seeds are highly attractive to birds which results in its dispersal throughout natural areas.

The Brazilian cherry can form dense thickets which outcompetes native vegetation and prevents seeding of native species allowing many other invasive species to invade.

## Management

Complete removal of the plant is most effective when undertaken prior to fruit ripening.

Cutting at the stump and application of herbicide is effective for larger plants, with hand-pulling of small seedlings successful if the entire tap-root is removed.

## Description

Eugenia uniflora grows as a shrub up to 3-4m in height. The leaves are a glossy, dark green with new, young growth a rich bronze colour.

The fruits, starting out green in colour, turn to orange/dark red and grow to about the size of a normal cherry. The fruit's characteristic deep ribs make for a distinctive identification feature, fruiting in autumn and spring.

## **Further information**

Council's Land Protection Officers are happy to provide further information and assistance by phoning the Call Centre on 1300 883 699.





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## Legal requirements

Brazilian cherry are locally declared in the Bundaberg Region under Bundaberg Regional Council's Biosecurity Plan. They must not be given away, sold or released into the environment without a permit. Further information can be found in Council's *Biosecurity Plan*.

Table 1. Control methods for Brazillian Cherry

Method	Herbicide	Rate	Comments
Cut stump Large plants (1-4m in height)	Glyphosate 360g/L	Product undiluted	Paint stump immediately after cutting
Hand removal Small plants (less than 1m in height)	Glyphosate 360g/L	Product undiluted	Paint any remaining root material immediately after hand removal

#### Cut stump

Make a horizontal cut as close to ground as possible, with secateurs, loppers or pruning saw. Immediately apply herbicide to the exposed flat stump surface using a paint brush or similar.

#### Hand removal

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Gently remove any fruits and seeds and place them in a bag. Hold stem at ground level. Rock plant back and forth to loosen roots before pulling it out. Tap roots to dislodge any soil. Treat any root system remaining in the ground with herbicide using a paint brush or similar.





#### References

"Brazilian Cherry Fact Sheet", Moreton Bay Regional Council

"Great Sandy Beauties & Beasties", Cooloola Coastcare Association Inc.