

**BRIDAL CREEPER**  
*(ASPARAGUS MEDEOLOIDES)*  
**AND ITS SPREAD BY BIRDS**

I first saw this introduced creeper occurring as a weed near the Todd River, Eyre Peninsula, some thirty years ago. It is now widespread, the agency of spread unquestionably being birds, and it is unfortunately already abundant in Sandy Creek National Park. I have seen a seedling as far afield as near Tepko (overlooking the Murray Flats). With its broad leaf-like cladodes it tends to strangle the native vegetation through which it grows. I can see no way to control it and would welcome suggestions. I would also like to know what bird is chiefly responsible for its dispersal. I suspect the starling but is there any other bird in Sandy Creek National Park which could be responsible? It is going to do a lot of harm to the native vegetation in this reserve, as well as in many other areas, if some means of control cannot be found.

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