GARDEN PLANTS BECOMING WEEDS – INITIATIVES WITH THE NURSERY INDUSTRY

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Garden plants around Australia are jumping the back fence and becoming weeds of agriculture and the natural environment. There are over 700 invasive garden plants or ‘Garden Thugs’ in Australia. Government, the nursery industry and horticultural media are working together to find solutions. An awareness and education campaign called ‘Garden plants under the spotlight’ is one of the main features of a national strategy proposed by the Weeds CRC and the Nursery Industry Association of Australia. The aim is to educate gardeners, industry and the horticultural media and ultimately to replace highly invasive plants in the trade with safer alternatives.