

# Pest alert

Declared Class 1

Badhara bush could be in your area.

Call Biosecurity Queensland on **13 25 23** if you see this pest:

- It forms dense thickets, shading-out useful pasture species.
- It's a thorny shrub that grows 2–4 m high.
- It has yellow, tubular flowers.
- It has yellow, pear-shaped fruit.
- Early detection helps protect Queensland's agricultural industries and natural environment.



## Badhara bush (*Gmelina elliptica*)

### Description

Badhara bush is a highly variable thorny shrub or small tree, growing 2–4 m high (occasionally up to 10 m). The stems are usually yellowish or brownish-white, and branches are armed with pairs of spines.

Leaves are dark green above, paler below and in opposite pairs—usually with one of the pair smaller than its companion. Leaves are generally oval-shaped, 1–10 cm long, 1.5–6 cm wide and pointed at the apex. Younger leaves are three-lobed. Older leaves are elliptical, with sparse hairs on the underside.

Flowers are yellow and tubular, generally around 5 cm long. Fruit is yellow (when ripe) and pear-shaped—about 1.5 cm across.

Badhara bush spreads mainly by bird-dispersed seeds, although its woody taproot can also produce suckers, particularly after disturbance.

### Declaration details

Badhara bush is a Class 1 declared plant under Queensland legislation.

Class 1 pests established in Queensland are subject to eradication from the state. Landowners must take reasonable steps to keep land free of Class 1 pests. It is a serious offence to introduce, keep or supply a Class 1 pest without a permit issued by Biosecurity Queensland. Penalties of up to \$80 000 apply.

### What should I do?

If you see this plant, please contact your local government office or Biosecurity Queensland on **13 25 23**.

### Further information

Further information is available from your local government office, or by contacting Biosecurity Queensland (call **13 25 23** or visit our website at [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au)).

