



Pests and Weeds



Eat the honeydew produced in beech forests that is a food source for many native birds. Exist in massive numbers that eat a massive amount of food such as native insects.

Compete with native plants and don't provide berries or nectar for native birds, needles cover the floor and stop undergrowth from growing.

Feed on young plants and seedlings on the forest floor which changes the structure of the forest and destroys habitats of many animals and insects.

Grows rapidly in most areas, covering the ground in dense patches. Shades areas which prevents native plants from growing and its spiky structure makes it hard to remove.

Compete with cows and sheep for grass, carry tuberculosis and their burrows cause large amounts of erosion that destroys paddocks and damages the fringes of bush land.

Grows rapidly in shallow fresh water and shades other plants so they die, also clogs the waterways which slows the flow of water which worsens the water quality.

Eat the new growth of tall trees and destroy the forest canopy which shades areas below. Eat native bird's eggs and compete with birds for nesting areas. Also carry the disease tuberculosis.

The main reason many birds have become extinct and why Kiwi numbers are so low. They eat the young birds as well as lizards and frogs.

When they feed they muddy the water and destroy native water plants as well as the habitats of many water insects. They eat native fish eggs and strip streams and rivers of all life.