Native to Burma, Persian shield was introduced to Queensland as a garden plant. It invades the understorey of rainforest margins and creek lines.

**Legal requirements**

Persian shield is not a prohibited or restricted invasive plant under the Biosecurity Act 2014. However, by law, everyone has a general biosecurity obligation (GBO) to take reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risks associated with invasive plants and animals under their control.

Local governments must have a biosecurity plan that covers invasive plants and animals in their area. This plan may include actions to be taken on certain species. Some of these actions may be required under local laws. Contact your local government for more information.

**Description**

Persian shield is an evergreen, soft-stemmed shrub growing to 1.2 m. Its stems are square in cross-section.

Lance-shaped leaves to 20 cm long have toothed margins and are iridescent purple-silver and green above with a purple underside.

Pale blue, funnel-shaped flowers to 30 mm long grow in short spikes.

**Control**

**Manual control**

Hand pull seedlings and small plants, ensuring that all stem fragments and roots are removed. Plant pieces should either be bagged and taken to the dump or hung up off the ground to prevent reshooting.

**Herbicide control**

There is no herbicide currently registered for control of persian shield in Queensland; however, an off-label use permit allows the use of various herbicides for the control of environmental weeds in non-agricultural areas, bushland and forests.

See Table 1 for treatment options allowed by the permit.
Prior to using the herbicides listed under PER11463 you must read or have read to you and understand the conditions of the permit. To obtain a copy of this permit visit www.apvma.gov.au

**Follow up**

Monitor treated areas regularly for any new seedlings or regrowth.

Table 1. Herbicides for the control of persian shield

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<td>Fluroxypyr (200 g/L)</td>
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<td>Triclopyr (300 g/L) + picloram (100 g/L)</td>
<td>350 ml to 500 ml per 100 L water plus wetting agent or spray oil</td>
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Read the label carefully before use. Always use the herbicide in accordance with the directions on the label.