

Weeds of Sweetwater Creek – Recognition and Treatment.

Asparagus Fern(*protosparagus aethiopicus*): origin South Africa

Description: a much-branched perennial with a dense covering of fine pine-like foliage, tiny white or pink bell-shaped flowers followed by red berries. It has a dense mat of tuberous roots underground.



Habit: Climbs and twines around bushes and the lower branches of trees, covering wide areas; spreads via berries and tubers.

Treatment: as the tubers are easily broken it is better to cut the creeper just above the surface and paint with a weed-dabber (Roundup). Bag all pieces, especially if berries are present.