

Weeds of Sweetwater Creek – Recognition and Management

Polygala or Myrtle-Leaf Milkwort (*Polygala myrtifolia*) origin South Africa

Description: A medium shrub or tree, small ovate, acacia-like bright green leaves and bright purple flowers in winter and spring.



Habit: Spreads by seeds from pods, aided by wind, birds and humans (sold as a garden plant). It is invasive in sandy soils; present in the reserve but not as prevalent as other invasive plants.

Treatment: Hand pull seedlings and cut and paint larger plants with Roundup. Bag all parts with flowers