

Weeds of Sweetwater Creek – Recognition and Management

Watsonia (*Watsonia meriana*) origin South Africa

Description: From a base clump of tapering green leaves rises a stem with single orange flowers rising along it. It has bulbils on the stem and a mass of bulbs underground. We have isolated clumps in the Reserve.



Habit: It spreads and multiplies from both the bulbils and the bulbs. Disturbance encourages more bulbs to grow. It seems to prefer damp areas.

Treatment: Dig out plants and bulbs carefully. Bag all. Return regularly to area for follow-up weeding. May need to resort to chemical controls.