

9. Asparagus Fern (*Asparagus scandens*) origin South Africa.

Description: A many-branched perennial with a dense covering of fine pine-like foliage, tiny white or pink bell-shaped flowers in spring followed by red berries in summer. 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 (birds) and tubers.

Treatment: Each plant rises from a crown just below the surface. Sever this with a serrated knife and the rest of the tubers can be left in the ground. Bag all including any berries.