



Weed Biocontrol Workshops 2015/2016

If you are interested in attending one of our workshops in the coming year (details below) please fill in the attached page and send it back to Lynley Hayes no later than the end of September 2015. An indication of interest is all that we need at this stage, not a definite commitment. Dates and venues for all workshops will be finalised once expressions of interest have been received. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask!

Basic Training in Biocontrol of Weeds, Lincoln, late November/early December 2015

This is a 2-day introductory workshop that aims to give people a good feel for what biocontrol is all about. We cover as many aspects of the underlying philosophy and current projects as we can in the time available, and augment indoor sessions with practical activities in the field. If your organisation contributes to or supports our research in some way then there is no charge for this course, and it is ideal for new staff. If not you may still be able to attend, if there are places available.

Advanced Training in Biocontrol of Weeds, Auckland, March/April 2016

This 2-day workshop builds on the introductory one, and aims to bring people up to speed with new developments since they undertook basic training, and it covers some topics in more depth. In conjunction with the basic course, the aim of this training is to give people the skills and confidence to manage their own biocontrol programmes. This course is ideal for people who have undertaken a basic training course 2 or more years ago or for people who have had considerable experience working with biocontrol in the field. If your organisation contributes to or supports our research in some way then there is no charge for this course. If not you may still be able to attend, if there are places available.

Assessing the Impact of Biocontrol, Auckland, March/April 2016

This 1-day workshop aims to give people the confidence and skills to assess the impact of weed biocontrol agents, and will be tailored to the requirements of the Weed Biocontrol Assessment Strategy currently being agreed with the National Biocontrol Collective. This course will be run back to back with the Advanced Biocontrol Workshop. If your organisation contributes to or supports our research in some way then there is no charge for this course. If not you may still be able to attend, if there are places available.

Plant Identification, Lincoln, late November/early December 2015

This 1-day workshop aims to give people the confidence and skills to identify plants, especially weeds. Participants are taught how to identify any plant they come across using basic botany skills and plant identification keys (including a number of recently developed web-based interactive keys). All levels of experience can be catered for, and participants are encouraged to bring material they would especially like to work on. The cost is likely to be about \$500 per person (excluding travel, accommodation and meals). This course will be run back to back with the Basic Biocontrol Workshop.

Biosecurity Bonanza, May 2016

We will continue to offer our highly popular Biosecurity Bonanza. The venue is likely to be Christchurch. Again we will have concurrent sessions covering the latest in our weed and other biosecurity-related research, and there will be no cost for attendance.





Workshops 2015/2016

Name:

Organisation:

Email Address:

I would be interested in attending the following:

1. Basic Training in Biological Control of Weeds
2. Plant Identification
3. Advanced Training in Biological Control of Weeds
4. Assessing the Impact of Weed Biocontrol
5. Biosecurity Bonanza

Any other comments regarding timing, topics, or venues e.g. if you would like to attend one of the above but the timing or venue is unlikely to suit:

Any other training needs you have that are not currently being met?

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(Before 30 September 2015)

