

Destroy Bad Berries

Don't use weeds to encourage birds to your garden.

Just as some people can't distinguish between colours, birds can't tell if berries come from good plants or weeds.



Birds eating bad berries can spread seeds into bush areas where these weedy species can rapidly grow and take over. Privet, Taiwan cherry and cotoneaster are just three of the weed species spread in this way by birds.



While some native birds have adapted to eating bad berries, their wide range of potential foods mean they won't go hungry if weed species are removed.

Give birds native fruit and seeds to eat instead of bad berries.

- Learn to recognise bad berry plants that are problem weeds.
- Replace bad berry plants with native varieties. Coprosmas, fivefinger, korokia, wineberry, mahoe, mapou and kaikomako are some native alternatives you could plant in your garden.
- Plan a beautiful berry garden that's good for birds as well as the environment.

Be a Weedbuster in your garden and destroy bad berries.

