

Environmental weed risk assessment

Marrow, pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo*)

Cucurbita pepo is a cultivated plant of the genus *Cucurbita*. It yields varieties of winter squash and pumpkin, but the most widespread varieties belong to the subspecies *Cucurbita pepo* subsp. *pepo*, called summer squash, marrow (large zucchini). It has been domesticated in the Americas for thousands of years.

Weed lists

National-international:

- Not listed in Weeds of Australia (398 weed species) <https://weeds.org.au/weeds-profiles/>
- Not listed in Weeds of Australia website [Fact sheet Index \(lucidcentral.org\)](https://www.lucidcentral.org/fact-sheet-index/)
- In the Global Compendium of Weeds, *Cucurbita pepo* is listed as an agricultural weed, casual alien, cultivation escape, environmental weed, garden thug, naturalised, sleeper weed, weed (Randall 2017).

Western Australia:

- Not listed in Western weeds. A guide to the weeds of Western Australia (Hussey et al. 2007)
- Recorded as naturalised on the Swan coastal plain (Keighery and Longman 2004)
- Not listed in naturalised taxa recorded from conservation lands in Western Australia (Keighery 1991).



Figure 1 Distribution of pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo*) in Australia (Source: 'The Australasian Virtual Herbarium')

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Assessed using the 'Environmental weed risk assessment protocol for growing non-indigenous plants in the Western Australian rangelands' (Moore et al. 2022)

Region	Filter A	Filter B	Weed Risk Assessment rating
	Is the species a weed in similar environments in Australia or overseas?	Is the species likely to persist in the environment without management*?	
Kimberley	No	No	Negligible to low
Pilbara	No	No	Negligible to low
Gascoyne – Goldfields	No	No	Negligible to low
Agricultural area	No	No	Negligible to low

*Without management means no fertiliser, Rhizobia, irrigation, grazing management or control of competition from other species

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Weeds of Australia database

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