Beautiful but Dangerous

Invasive Plants of the eThekwini Municipal Area

What are emerging weeds?
Emerging weeds are plants already present but not previously recorded or new species that have been introduced. They can cause serious problems for our environment, agriculture, and human health. The introduction of invasive weeds without effective management can lead to ecological and economic damage.

Control and eradication
Control of alien plants is a complex challenge since many weeds are already well established. The prevalence of invasive weeds in our area requires the implementation of management strategies to control their spread. The eradication of alien plants is often challenging due to their ability to reproduce and disperse over long distances.

‘For key to species to take the user in a planned way and to diligently follow up to minor seedlings and regrowth.

References
4. Alien Weeds and Invasive Plants: The Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (Act 43 of 1983). The Act lists about 200 plants, which are then grouped into three categories:
   - CATEGORY 1: Plants with a permit under controlled circumstances.
   - CATEGORY 2: Plants that may not be grown, but not planted, propagated, imported or traded. You may not grow
   - CATEGORY 3: Plants grown with a permit under controlled circumstances.

Note: It is illegal to have category 1 plant species on your property and contravention of this Act can result in prosecution, as will the harbouring of category 2 plant species.