

SUSPECT 007:

Whitecrack Willow

Salix x rubens

This long haired lout goes bald in winter - which makes a big mess in our streams. It also hogs water that other plants need. As it greedily spreads its roots along the bottom of the stream, it slows water flow and reduces aeration.

This means the water loses its oxygen and becomes stagnant and smelly. This is really toxic for fish, frogs and other animals that live in the water.



whitecrack willow infestation

DECLARED

bully rating:



SUSPECT 002:

Desert Ash

Fraxinus angustifolia

Every winter Desert Ash trees have the horrible habit of dropping their leaves, which clog and pollute our streams.

An average sized Ash tree drops over 200,000 leaves each year, enough to cover a whole house!

Not only that, its winged seeds spread by water or wind, and it can also produce underground roots that "pop up" and grow into new trees.



desert ash infestation



bully rating:



DECLARED



SUSPECT 001:

olive

Olea europaea



olive fruits

Good on pizza, but not in our creeks! This Mediterranean menace grows well in our local area ... a bit too well!

One adult tree can produce several kilograms of fruit per year, which can turn into thousands of new olive seedlings.

Feral olives that are not cultivated and maintained spread easily. Birds and foxes eat the olive fruits and poop out the seeds somewhere new.

DECLARED

bully rating:



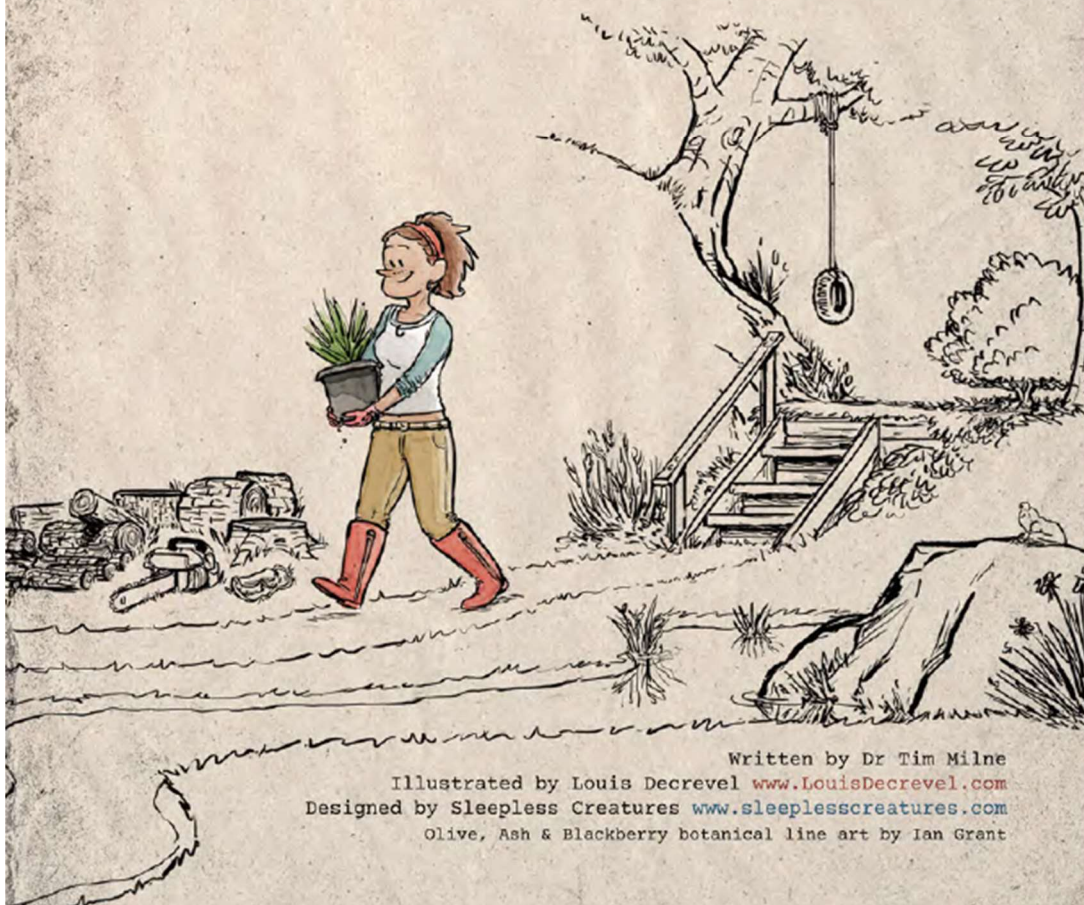
Further Information & Acknowledgements

If you want to help get rid of creek bullies on your property, a good book is **'Stop Bushland Weeds'** by the Nature Conservation Society of SA.

This tells you how to identify weeds, and teaches you skills to stop them spreading. Some of the line drawings from that book have been reproduced in this brochure, with permission.

To discover more about weeds in creeks or which native plants and animals will fight back, please visit our website.

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