

Tropical Soda Apple

Scientific Name:

Solanum viarum

Origin:

South America

Habit:

Upright multi-branched shrub (0.5m-2m)

Distinguishing Features:

- Long (10-20cm), wide (6-15cm) leaves covered in short hairs
- Leaves and stems covered in thorn-like prickles up to 12mm long
- White flowers with 5 petals
- Immature fruit looks like a watermelon
- Mature fruit is yellow, golf ball sized and sweet smelling.

Control Methods:

- Individual plants can be pulled, taking care to remove all root fragments.
- Contact Alan Wray at Coffs Harbour City Council for more information on control, as inappropriate control can cause infestations to spread.



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Habit (Photo Sheldon Navie)



Distinctive thorns on leaves
(Photo Sheldon Navie)



Flowers
(Photo Sheldon Navie)

