

Be Athel Aware!

With widespread rain throughout Australia this year an athel pine seedling event is likely.

Moist conditions at the time of seed fall, of up to 500,000 seeds per tree (usually autumn in Australia), has provided an ideal environment for the establishment of athel pine seedlings.

What you can do.

- Check areas around and downstream of existing planted trees.
- Record location of any seedlings found (use a GPS or mark on a map) and inform your local weeds officer.
- Control any seedlings found (it is much cheaper and easier at this stage).
- Either hand pull or spray (using herbicides recommended in the National Athel Pine Best Practice Management Manual, available at www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/athelpine).
- Check the area and complete any follow up treatment.

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to this



in less than 7 months (Gemfields, Queensland).

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