

# MYRTLE RUST

*a new threat to the Northern Territory's biodiversity*



**FREE** course on Myrtle rust recognition, reporting, risk assessment and management options

## FULL DAY COURSE

**9.00am-4.00pm**

**Friday 13 November**

Rydges Darwin Airport Hotel

1 Sir Norman Brearley Drive, Marrara

## HALF DAY COURSE

**9.00am-1.00pm**

**Saturday 14 November**

NT Farmers Association Conference Room

Shop 15A Coolalinga Shopping Centre, Stuart Hwy, Coolalinga

Myrtle rust is a fungal disease which can attack and sometimes kill native plants within the myrtaceae family including paperbarks, tea-trees and some eucalypts. It attacks the soft tissue such as growth tips, leaves and young stems of these plants and in some plant species may also attack the flowers and fruits.

Myrtle rust was found on the Tiwi Islands earlier this year and has since been identified on the NT mainland. It poses a serious risk to our native plants and ecosystems, and has the potential to impact commercial and home horticulture industries as well as the forestry, bush foods and medicine industries.

While eradication of Myrtle rust is unrealistic, we can work effectively together to minimise its impact on our industries and natural landscape.

This course will provide comprehensive information on Myrtle rust disease, and help you to:

- recognise the disease in the field and in cultivation
- identify species and ecological communities at risk
- decide what to monitor before and if the disease arrives in your area
- assess the risks and consequences of spreading the disease, and how to avoid doing so

Only included in full day course:

A 'scenarios' and discussion session will allow participants to raise their own real situations and discuss management strategies.

Courses are **FREE** but registration is essential as places are limited. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please visit:

<http://www.territorynrm.org.au/nrm-community/events/myrtle-rust-course/> for a registration form

Or contact Territory Natural Resource Management on 8942 8317

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