

## Focusing on Alien Invasive Plants : Formosa Lilies

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The Dargle Conservancy has noted the rather alarming number of Formosa Lilies/Taiwanese lily/St Joseph's Lilies (*Lilium formosanum*, [Liliaceae family]) that are evident especially along the road verges between the Dargle River and the Nelson Mandela Capture Site. Our volunteers have hired some local people to assist us to remove these Category 1 NEMBA - Category 1b invasive plants.

If you would like to check on your property and remove these yourselves, then please be aware of the following:



**Digging out:**

- 1) Clear away any undergrowth so you can see the base of the stem
- 2) Use a spade to carefully lever the bulb up from about 10 cm out from the base of the plant;
- 3) Lift the bulb and soil around it;
- 4) Snip off the bulb and flower head;
- 5) Put the bulb, soil, and flower head in a sturdy bag and dispose of the bag at a landfill.



### **Using a Herbicide:**

- Use a herbicide such as metsulfuron-methyl.
- Apply the herbicide when the plant is in its active growth stage.
- Cut down the stems low to the ground.
- Apply the herbicide immediately.

**If you would like to assist us, please donate to the Dargle Conservancy "Alien Invasive Clearing Fund", by using our banking details below:**

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