

Biological Control of *Buddleja davidii*

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Buddleja davidii is a large shrub of Asian origin which occurs throughout New Zealand. It is a precocious pioneer species with rapid growth to 6 m and a prolific production of wind-dispersed seeds. Within the central North Island buddleia is considered a serious competitor of establishing *Pinus radiata* and an invasive alien in protected natural areas. Chemical and mechanical controls are not cost effective and the forestry industry has invested in a feasibility study to identify potential biological control agents for this weed in the People's Republic of China.
