

Hierarchy of Plant Designations

**Source: Regional Pest Management Strategy for Marlborough.
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With respect to individual pests, the Council has determined that different pests warrant different types and levels of regional intervention. For the purposes of the Strategy, the Council has adopted the following terminology for pests, which reflects the objective to be achieved.

“Total Control Pests” are pests that are of limited distribution and density in Marlborough and for which the long-term aim is to eradicate the pest.

“Containment Control Pests” are pests that are well established in Marlborough where the long-term aim is to prevent the spread of the pest to new areas and reduce the density of the pest where possible. Management regimes for Containment Control Pests vary according to the objective for the particular pest. For example, on some properties occupiers must destroy all Chilean needlegrass plants on land they occupy while on properties classified as ‘Core’ they must destroy all Chilean needlegrass plants within 10 metres of their adjacent property boundaries, before they seed.

“Surveillance Pests” are pests that Council will monitor over the term of the Strategy. The objective for surveillance pests is to monitor the distribution, the impacts and the spread of these pests, fund appropriate research projects regarding these pests and educate the public as to their identification and most appropriate method of control. In relation to each pest, Strategy rules apply. All pests classified as ‘total control’, ‘containment control’ or ‘surveillance’ are banned from sale, propagation or distribution.