

How to establish a photographic monitoring site

You will need:

- 2 steel pickets or droppers
- Hammer
- Whiteboard and marker
- Digital camera
- GPS
- Notebook

How to establish the site:

1. Select a site where the target weed species is in plain view
2. Use a steel picket or dropper to mark the *sighter post* location
3. On the whiteboard, write the name of the station, photopoint and date. Rest this against the bottom of the *sighter post*
4. Establish a *camera post* 10 meters from the *sighter post*, facing the target weed species
5. Take GPS locations of each of the markers, recording the post name and photopoint number
6. Use the digital camera to take a photo standing at the *camera post* with the *sighter post* in the middle of the picture. Ensure that the whiteboard details can be easily seen
7. Keep the photographs and the GPS data together in a weed control file for ease of access

Photopoints to monitor the death rate of plants should be taken at 3 month intervals for a 12 month period. Photopoints to monitor the reinvasion rate or regrowth rate should be taken at 12 month intervals for as long as desired.

