Basal and cut stump treatments for privet

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Resprouting from Lateral Roots

Privet Control Options

Foliar treatment
Cut Stump treatment
Basal bark treatment
Grinding
Hand pulling/weed wrenching

Cut stump herbicide treatments

Written and observation-based recommendations of 20-100% glyphosate or triclopyr formulations Herbicide labels often recommend 50-100% for cut stump treatments Multiple reports of inconsistent control

Why?

Research Questions

Is there a differential performance between glyphosate and triclopyr?
Does stem size influence herbicide efficacy?

Does season of treatment influence herbicide efficacy (spring vs. fall)?
Does environment (riparian vs upland) influence control?

Site 1: Riparian



Site 2: Upland

Methods

Split plot design (by timing) where individual stems were experimental units 50 stems per treatment Measured root collar diameter and stems were placed in three diameter classes 1-5 cm (0.5-2 in) 5.1-10 cm (2-4 in) >10.1 cm (4.1 in and larger)



Methods

- Stems cut 2.5 cm above the ground with a chainsaw
- Treatments applied within 30 seconds of cutting
 - 1. Cut stump (control)
 - 2. Glyphosate (25% v/v) Accord Concentrate
 - 3. Triclopyr (amine) (25% v/v) Garlon 3A
- NIS added to herbicide treatments at 0.5% v/v
- Entire surface of cut stem sprayed to wet

Treatment Timings

April (Early flowering)

November





Data Collected

 Data collected 6, 12 and 18 months after treatment (MAT)

Number of resprouts per stem

Total length of resprouts per stem

 Lateral root resprouts within a 30 cm radius of stem are included in totals

Results

In general, both herbicides worked well at both timings at the upland and riparian sites
No influence of privet size on herbicide efficacy

Upland: Total number of resprouts 12 months after April 2008 treatment



Glyphosate



Triclopyr



Cut Stump



Riparian Cut Stump Efficacy with April treatments 12 MAT 18 MAT Treatment ----% kill-----Cut stump 6 6 Cut stump + glyphosate 96 88 Cut stump + triclopyr 92 82

Upland Cut Stump Efficacy with April treatments

12 MAT 18 MAT

<u>Treatment</u> ----% kill---- Cut stump 24 20
 Cut stump + glyphosate 92 88
 Cut stump + triclopyr 90 86

Riparian Cut Stump Efficacy with November Treatments 6MAT 12MAT ----% kill-----Treatment Cut stump 108 Cut stump + glyphosate 100 100 Cut stump + triclopyr 100 98

Upland Cut Stump Efficacy with November Treatments

6 MAT 12MAT

<u>Treatment</u> ----% kill--- Cut stump 22 20
 Cut stump + glyphosate 100 96
 Cut stump + triclopyr 96 92

Cut Stump Answers to Date Is there a differential performance between glyphosate and triclopyr? Not really. Does stem size influence herbicide efficacy? No. Does season of treatment influence herbicide efficacy (spring vs. fall)? At 12 MAT, no. Does environment (riparian vs upland) influence control? No.

What about basal bark?



Chinese Privet Stem Diameter vs. Bark

Basal Bark Treatments

Herbicides Pathfinder II Garlon 4 @ 20% v/v Garlon 4 @ 10% v/v Garlon 4 @ 5% v/v Timings April 2009 January 2010





Basal Results

At 90 and 180 days after treatment, there was no relationship between privet size and control
 The herbicide treatments were relatively consistent across locations



Basal Results (Riparian)

90 DAT 180 DAT % Defoliation Herbicide Control 24 32 Pathfinder II 98 99 Garlon 4 @ 20% v/v 99 98 Garlon 4 @ 10% v/v 97 94 Garlon 4 @ 5% v/v 94 88

Basal Results: Main stem death and new sprouts (Riparian) 180 DAT # Dead # w/Sprouts Herbicide Control 1/50 39/50 Pathfinder II 47/50 5/50 Garlon 4 @ 20% v/v 42/508/50 Garlon 4 @ 10% v/v 13/50 37/50Garlon 4 @ 5% v/v 26/509/50

Basal Results (Upland)

	90 DAT	180 DAT
Herbicide	% Defoliation	
Control	13	25
Pathfinder II	93	97
Garlon 4 @ 20% v/v	93	96
Garlon 4 @ 10% v/v	81	85
Garlon 4 @ 5% v/v	80	84

Basal Results: Main stem death and new sprouts (Upland) 180 DAT **#Sprouts** Herbicide #Dead 41/50Control 0/50 Pathfinder II 45/50 3/50 Garlon 4 @ 20% v/v 42/502/5011/50Garlon 4 @ 10% v/v 35/50 Garlon 4 @ 5% v/v 30/50 5/50

Basal summary to date

- No relationship in size to initial treatment efficacy
- All treatments are working across sites
- 12 month after treatment (MAT) data just completed
- 18 MAT will be collected in September

Conclusions to date

Both cut stump and basal treatments are working well on Chinese privet Glyphosate and triclopyr amine at 25% v/v for cut stump Triclopyr ester at 20% v/v or Pathfinder II still recommended Jury still out on lower rates

Questions?





- Control
- Pathfinder
- Garlon (20%)
- × Garlon (10%)
- * Garlon (5%)



Control





• Garlon (20%)





Garlon (5%)

Cut stump graphs

Riparian Area: Total shoot regrowth 12 months after April treatment



Stump Diameter (cm)

Riparian Area: Total number of sprouts 12 months after the April 2008 treatment



Upland Area: Total shoot regrowth 12 months after April 2008 treatment



Upland: Total number of resprouts 12 months after April 2008 treatment



Riparian Area: Total number of resprouts 6 months after November 2008 treatment



Total Number of Resprouts

Upland Area: Total number of shoots 6 months after November 2008 treatment



Total Number of Resprouts

Foliar treatments

Timing: winter is best!
November-January
Advantage: almost everything else is dormant but privet!
What about summer?
Variable control

Recommended privet foliar treatments in winter Glyphosate (minimum 41% ai) @ 3% v/v Make sure glyphosate has a good surfactant or add NIS @ 0.5% v/v Timing: Late fall may be best Winter treatments during prolonged unseasonably cold weather may not work well