



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
**Department of Environment and
Natural Resources**

INVASIVE SPECIES

ALERT!

Have You Seen **DODDER?**

What is it?

- Dodder is a leafless, parasitic plant that aggressively twines around host plants drawing nutrition from them.

Why is it a problem?

- Dodder grows rapidly into dense mats that shade out plants. Crop yields are reduced as the parasite robs the host plant of nutrients.

How does it spread?

- Dodder plants spread mainly by seed, but also by stem fragments.



How did it get here?

- Possibly through contaminated imports of seed.

What do you do if you see it?

- If you see a plant you suspect may be dodder, report it immediately to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at **239-2322** or **plants@gov.bm**. Do not move the plant as stem fragments or seeds may spread. Officers will visit the site and safely remove any dodder.