



## Yachats Weed of the Month – October 2019

### Clematis or Old Man's Beard (*Clematis vitalba*)

**Impact:** Clematis invades moist forests, especially along river banks and near urban areas. A vine that can grow up to 100 ft. long, it can climb and smother tall trees by cutting off the light they need for photosynthesis. In Yachats you can see it along Yachats River Road, in the cutting on Highway 101 just north bridge; also at the south end of bridge, blanketing the indigenous vegetation on the river bank.

**Identification:** Clematis is a perennial, deciduous, woody vine. The compound leaves are in groups of five, sometimes displaying coarse serrations (see photo). Clematis blooms in late summer, producing small white flowers. The flowers and seed heads make clematis easily identifiable in late summer and fall. The seed heads remain visible through the winter.

**Management:** Do not cultivate any clematis unless you are sure it is a non-invasive variety. Pull or dig clematis plants out by the roots. Clematis in trees will die if the vines are cut near the base of the tree and the roots are removed. Dispose of the plants where they will not be able to re-establish themselves.

**Contact information:** Call Wally at 541 547 5474 if you have any questions. For more weed info, go to [www.yachatstrails.org](http://www.yachatstrails.org).

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Flowers



Seed heads