

### 8.6.2 Category 2 plant invaders (commercial value)

These are plants with proven potential to become invasive, but which nevertheless have certain beneficial properties that warrants their continued presence under certain circumstances. Provision is made for Category 2 plants to be retained in special areas demarcated for that purpose, but those occurring outside demarcated areas have to be controlled.

The growing of Category 2 plants in a demarcated area qualifies as a water use, and is subject to the requirements of Section 21 of the National Water Act. According to this act, the land user need to obtain a water use license if the demarcated area is 1 hectare or larger and used for commercial purposes. The plants in a demarcated area have to primarily serve a commercial or utility purpose, such as a woodlot, shelter belt, building material, animal fodder, and soil stabilisation, medicinal or consumption. These conditions under which they are cultivated have to be controlled. All reasonable steps have to be taken to curtail the spreading of seeds or vegetative reproducing material outside the demarcated area. All specimens outside the demarcated area have to be controlled.

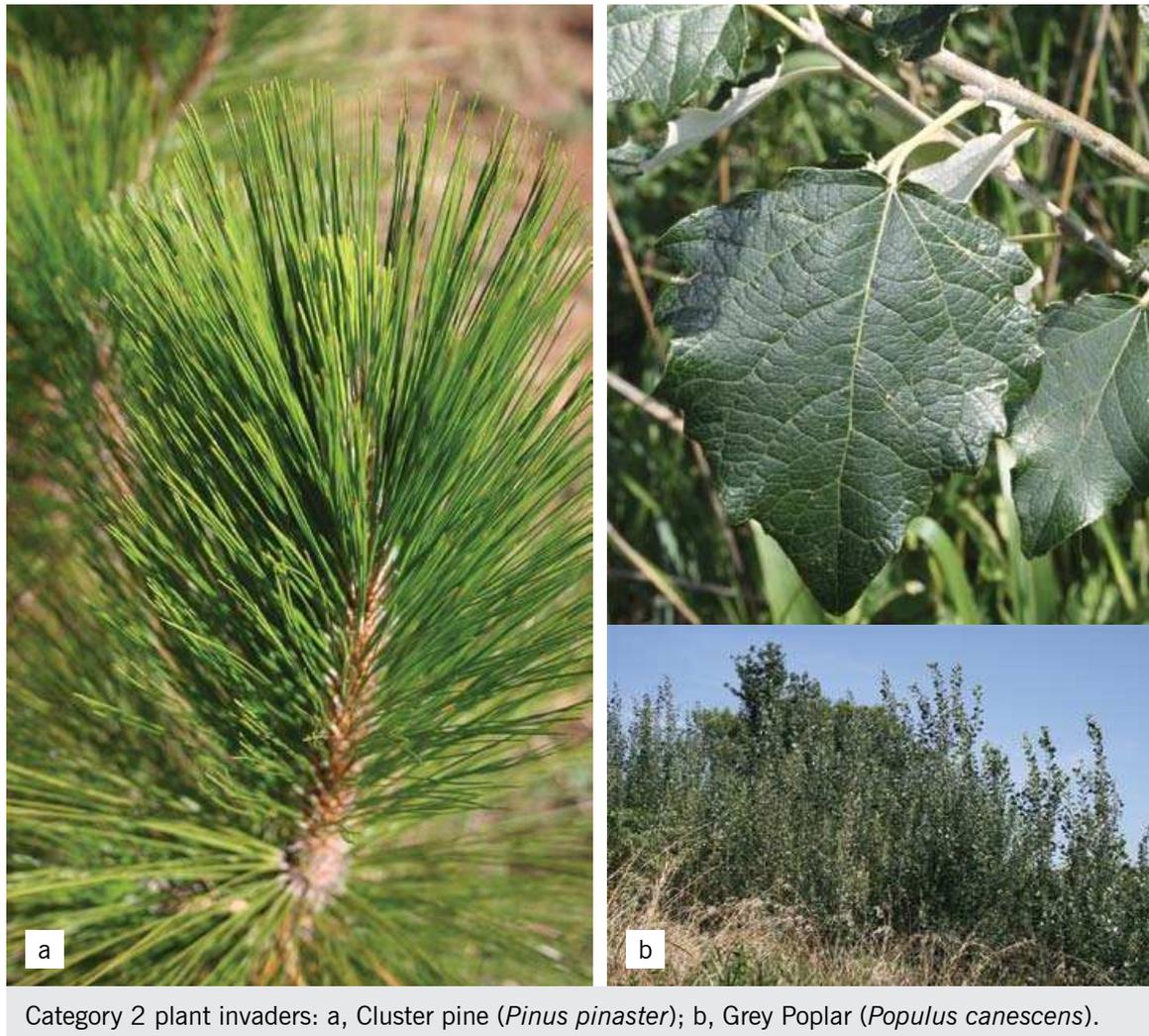
Seed or other propagative material of Category 2 plants may only be sold to and acquired by land users of areas demarcated for the growing of that species, or for the establishment of a bio-controlled reserve. Category 2 plants may not occur within 30 m from the 1:50 year flood line of watercourses or wetlands unless authorisation has been obtained in terms of the South Africa National Water Act.

#### Examples:

- Wattle species, several pine species, white and grey poplars, commercial guava, castor oil plant, weeping and crack willows, etc.



Black Wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*).



### 8.6.3 Category 3 plant invaders (ornamental value)

These plants are undesirable because they have a proven potential for becoming invasive, but most of them are nevertheless popular ornamentals or shade trees that will take a long time to replace.

Category 3 plants will not be allowed to occur anywhere unless they were already in existence when the legislation came into effect. The conditions that a land user with such plants must adhere to are that they do not grow within 30 m from the 1:50 year flood line of watercourses or wetlands and that all reasonable steps are taken to keep the plant from spreading.

Propagative material of these plants, such as seeds or cuttings, may no longer be planted, propagated, imported, bought, sold or traded in any way. It will, however, be legal to trade in the wood of Category 3 plants, or in other products that do not have the potential to grow or multiply.

#### **Examples:**

- Pepper Tree, Jacaranda, Chinese and Pink Tamarisk, etc.