

Douglas County Noxious Weed Policy and Weed List

“Noxious Weed” is a legal definition for non-native plants that are particularly aggressive, invasive and difficult to control. One or more of the following can describe them:

- I. They cause economic losses to agricultural and horticultural industries.
- II. They endanger native flora and fauna by encroaching in wild lands.
- III. They hamper the enjoyment and full use of recreation sites.
- IV. They are poisonous, injurious, or otherwise harmful to humans and animals.

Because these plants cause economic, ecological, and other damage, an integrated control program, that includes biological, chemical, cultural, manual and mechanical control techniques, is recommended for all noxious weeds.

Weed Control Ratings

“A” These noxious weeds occur in small enough infestations that eradication or containment is possible in the county.

Intensive control of these infestations is highly recommended.

“B” These noxious weeds are common and well established in Douglas County. Eradication at the county level is not likely. Containment is possible in some cases and is encouraged. Where these are not feasible, biological control agents may be introduced to slow the spread of the invaders.

Intensive control is recommended on isolated infestations. Control along travel routes is encouraged. Biological control agents may be used to reduce the spread of infestation.

“T” These noxious species are priority weeds “targeted” for control at the county level.

“W” [New category 2023]

“W”, “No” These “Watch List” noxious weeds are not yet known in Douglas County but their presence in adjacent counties makes future occurrence likely.

“W”, “Yes” These invasive weeds occur in Douglas County and are being considered for the primary list. They should be monitored for spread and considered for biocontrol.

“Conditional” [New category 2023]

In the interest of supporting agencies involved in local noxious weed control (Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Watershed Councils), this category would provide an opportunity for the Douglas County Weed Advisory Board to temporarily increase the priority of certain species, if they meet conditions as described in Addendum A.

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| <u>Common Name</u> | <u>Scientific Name</u> | <u>Oregon</u> | <u>County</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Armenian Blackberry | <i>Rubus armeniacus, R. bifrons</i> | B | BT |
| Buffaloburr | <i>Solanum rostratum</i> | B | AT |
| Bull Thistle | <i>Cirsium vulgare</i> | B | B # |
| Canada Thistle | <i>Cirsium arvense</i> | B | B # |
| Diffuse Knapweed | <i>Centaurea diffusa</i> | B | AT |
| English & Atlantic Ivy | <i>Hedera helix, H. hibernica</i> | B | BT |
| English Hawthorn | <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> | B | BT |
| Eurasian Watermilfoil | <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> | B | B |
| False Brome | <i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i> | B | B |
| Field Bindweed | <i>Convolvulus arvensis</i> | B | B |
| French Broom | <i>Genista monspessulana</i> | B | B |
| Fuller's Teasel | <i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> | . | B |
| Giant Knotweed | <i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i> | B | AT |
| Gopher/Mole Plant | <i>Euphorbia lathyris</i> | . | BT |
| Gorse | <i>Ulex europaeus</i> | BT | AT |
| Italian Thistle | <i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i> | B | B # |
| Japanese Knotweed | <i>Polygonum cuspidatum; spp.</i> | B | BT |
| Johnsongrass | <i>Sorghum halepense</i> | B | B |
| Malta Starthistle | <i>Centaurea melitensis</i> | . | BT |
| Meadow Knapweed | <i>Centaurea pratensis</i> | B | B # |
| Medusahead Rye | <i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i> | B | B |
| Milk Thistle | <i>Silybum marianum</i> | B | B # |
| Paterson's Curse | <i>Echium plantagineum</i> | A | AT |
| Pennyroyal | <i>Mentha pulegium</i> | . | B |
| Poison Hemlock | <i>Conium maculatum</i> | B | B |
| Portuguese Broom | <i>Cytisus striatus</i> | BT | AT |
| Puncturevine | <i>Tribulus terrestris</i> | B | B |
| Purple Loosestrife | <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> | BT | B # |
| Robert's Geranium | <i>Geranium robertianum</i> | B | B |
| Rush Skeletonweed | <i>Chondrilla juncea</i> | BT | B # |
| Russian Knapweed | <i>Centaurea repens</i> | B | A |
| Scotch Broom | <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> | B | B # |
| Scotch Thistle | <i>Onopordum acanthium</i> | B | A |
| Shiny Leaf Geranium | <i>Geranium lucidum</i> | B | B |
| Slender-flowered Thistle | <i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i> | B | B # |
| Spanish Broom | <i>Spartium junceum</i> | B | B |
| Spiny Cocklebur | <i>Xanthium spinosum</i> | B | B |
| Spotted Knapweed | <i>Centaurea maculosa</i> | BT | AT |
| Spurge Laurel | <i>Daphne laureola</i> | B | BT |
| Squarrose Knapweed | <i>Centaurea virgata</i> | AT | A |
| St. Johnswort | <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> | B | B # |

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| Sulfur Cinquefoil | <i>Potentilla recta</i> | B | B |
| Tansy Ragwort | <i>Senecio jacobaea</i> | BT | B # |
| Tree-of-Heaven | <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> | B | BT |
| Velvetleaf | <i>Abutilon theophrasti</i> | B | A |
| Woolly Distaff Thistle | <i>Carthamus lanatus</i> | AT | AT |
| Yellow or Common Toadflax | <i>Linaria vulgaris</i> | B | A |
| Yellow Starthistle | <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> | B | BT # |

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Watch List

| <u>Common Name</u> | <u>Scientific Name</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Present?</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Biddy-biddy | <i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i> | W | No |
| Dyers Woad | <i>Isatis tinctoria</i> | W | No |
| Iberian Starthistle | <i>Centaurea iberica</i> | W | No |
| Leafy Spurge | <i>Euphorbia esula</i> | W | No |
| Musk Thistle | <i>Carduus nutans</i> | W | No |
| Perennial Pepperweed | <i>Lepidium latifolium</i> | W | No |
| Purple Starthistle | <i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i> | W | No |
| Russian Knapweed | <i>Centaurea repens</i> | W | No |
| Squarrose Knapweed | <i>Centaurea virgata</i> | W | No |
| Whitetop or Hoary Cress | <i>Cardaria draba</i> | W | No |
| Black Locust | <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> | W | Yes |
| Bladder Campion | <i>Silene vulgaris</i> | W | Yes |
| Bristly Oxtongue | <i>Helminthotheca echioides</i> | W | Yes |
| Burnweed | <i>Erechtites minimus</i> | W | Yes |
| Climbing Nightshade | <i>Solanum dulcamara</i> | W | Yes |
| Common Cocklebur | <i>Xanthium strumarium</i> | W | Yes |
| Dodder | <i>Cuscuta ssp.</i> | W | Yes |
| European Beach Grass | <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> | W | Yes |
| European Blackberry | <i>Rubus vestitus</i> | W | Yes |
| Evergreen Blackberry | <i>Rubus laciniatus</i> | W | Yes |
| Hedge Parsley | <i>Torilis arvensis</i> | W | Yes |
| Rose Campion | <i>Lychnis coronaria</i> | W | Yes |
| Sweetbriar Rose | <i>Rosa eglanteria</i> | W | Yes |
| Yellow Nutsedge | <i>Cyperus esculentus</i> | W | Yes |

Report Noxious Weeds:

Douglas County Extension Service, 672-4461 or 1-800-883-7568

Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District, 541-900-0354