

**The Whatcom County Noxious Weed List is made up of all Class A weeds, Class B designates, and any selections by the County Board from the Class B or Class C weed list.**

**Class A weeds:** species with a limited distribution in Washington. Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations is the highest priority. Control of these species is required by law.

Common Name	Scientific Name
blueweed, Texas	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
broom, Spanish	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
clary, meadow	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>
cordgrass, common	<i>Spartina anglica</i>
cordgrass, denseflower	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>
cordgrass, salt meadow	<i>Spartina patens</i>
crupina, common	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>
flax, spurge	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
four o'clock, wild	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>
goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>
hawkweed, European	<i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>
hawkweed, yellow devil	<i>Hieracium floribundum</i>
<u>hogweed, giant</u>	<u><i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i></u>
hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
knawweed, bighead	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
knawweed, Vochin	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
kudzu	<i>Pueraria Montana var. lobata</i>
lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>
milfoil, variable-leaf	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
mustard, garlic	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
nightshade, silverleaf	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
primrose-willow, floating	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
ricefield bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>
sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>
spurge, eggleaf	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>
starthistle, purple	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
sweetgrass, reed	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>
Syrian bean-caper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
woad, dyers	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>

**Class B weeds:** species that are presently limited to portions of the state. *Class B Designated* species are selected for control in regions where they are not yet widespread. In regions where a Class B weed is already abundant, control is decided at the local level, with containment as the primary goal.

*Class B Designated, Whatcom County*

Arrowhead, grass-leaved	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
Alyssum, hoary	<i>Berteroa incana</i>
blackgrass	<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>
blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
bryony, white	<i>Bryonia alba</i>
bugloss, annual	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>
bugloss, common	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>
camelthorn	<i>Alhagi pseudalhagi</i>
chervil, wild	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
cinquefoil, sulfur	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
cordgrass, smooth	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>
fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
fennel, Common	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>
fieldcress, Austrian	<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>
floating heart, yellow	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
hawkweed, mouseear	<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>
hawkweed, polar	<i>Hieracium atratum</i>
hawkweed, Queen-devil	<i>Hieracium glomeratum</i>
hawkweed, yellow	<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i>
hedge parsley	<i>Torilis arvensis</i>
houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
indigobush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
<u>knawweed, black</u>	<u><i>Centaurea nigra</i></u>
<u>knawweed, brown</u>	<u><i>Centaurea jacea</i></u>
knawweed, diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
* <u>knawweed, meadow</u>	<u><i>Centaurea jacea x nigra</i></u>
knawweed, Russian	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>
<u>knawweed, spotted</u>	<u><i>Centaurea stoebe</i></u>
kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
lepyrodiclis	<i>Lepyrodiclis holsteoides</i>
loosestrife, garden	<i>Lysmachia vulgaris</i>
<u>loosestrife, purple</u>	<u><i>Lythrum salicaria</i></u>
<u>loosestrife, wand</u>	<u><i>Lythrum virgatum</i></u>
nutsedge, yellow	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>
parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
pepperweed, perennial	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
primrose, water	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
sandbur, longspine	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>
skeletonweed, rush	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
sowthistle, perennial	<i>Sonchus arvensis arvensis</i>
spurge, leafy	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
starthistle, yellow	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>

Swainsonpea  
thistle, musk  
thistle, plumeless  
thistle, Scotch  
toadflax, Dalmatian

*Sphaerophysa salsula*  
*Carduus nutans*  
*Carduus acanthoides*  
*Onopordum acanthium*  
*Linaria dalmatica sp. dalmatica*

*Class B County-Selected, Whatcom County*

butterflybush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
elodea, Brazilian	<i>Egeria densa</i>
hawkweed, orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
hawkweed, smooth	<i>Hieracium laevigatum</i>
<u>knawweed, Bohemian</u>	<u><i>Polygonum X. bohemicum</i></u>
<u>knawweed, Giant</u>	<u><i>Polygonum sachalinense</i></u>
<u>knawweed, Himalayan</u>	<u><i>Polygonum polystachyum</i></u>
<u>knawweed, Japanese</u>	<u><i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i></u>
poison-hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
<u>ragwort, tansy</u>	<u><i>Senecio jacobae</i></u>
scotch broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
spurge laurel	<i>Daphne laureola</i>
watermilfoil, eurasian	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>

**Class C weeds:** species found to be widespread in the state. Whatcom County Selected Class B and Class C Weeds are targeted for educational or biological efforts only.

*Class C County-Selected, Whatcom County*

canarygrass, reed	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
hairy willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
hawkweed, spp.	<i>Hieracium</i> (non-native)
hawkweed, common	<i>Hieracium lachenalii</i>
iris, yellow flag	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
ivy, English	<i>Hedera hibernica</i>
	<i>Hedera helix 'Baltica'</i>
	<i>Hedera helix 'Star'</i>
	<i>Hedera helix 'Pittsburgh'</i>
	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
old man's beard	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
pondweed, curly-leaf	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
St. Johnswort	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
tansy, common	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
thistle, bull	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
thistle, Canada	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
yellow archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>

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 : Noxious weeds identified with an underline  
 : receive highest priority for education, surveying  
 : and notification to owners of infested property.  
 : A \* indicates the target species for enforcement  
 : activities for the 2008 season.  
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**nox·ious (nok´shəs). adj.1.**  
**Harmful or injurious to health**  
**or physical well-being.**

*If it's a "Noxious Weed" does that  
mean it's poisonous?*

Some noxious weeds are poisonous, but not all of them are. Noxious weeds are non-native plants that have been introduced to Washington through human activities. Because of their aggressive growth and lack of natural enemies in the state, these weeds can be highly destructive, competitive, or difficult to control. They are *harmful* because they reduce crop yields, destroy native plant and animal habitat, damage outdoor recreational opportunities, clog waterways, lower land values, create erosion problems and fire hazards, and poison humans and livestock.

*How is a plant designated a "Noxious Weed"?*

The Washington State Noxious Weed Board, a group of citizen volunteers representing all parts of the state, annually adopts and publishes a list of weeds to be controlled or eradicated based on public comment and input from county weed boards from across the state. The Whatcom County Weed Board then customizes this list and adopts the Whatcom County Noxious Weed List each year. These are priority weeds that are required by law to be controlled by the property owner.

**Spread the Word,  
Not the Weeds!**

**If you would like more information, contact**

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The Washington State Noxious Weed List is updated annually. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the process. For additional information, contact:

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Garden Loosestrife *Lysimachia vulgaris*