

nox•ious (nok'shəs), adj.1. Harmful or injurious to health or physical well-being.

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

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

Class B weeds: distribution limited in portions of the state. Class B weed species are separated into two categories: Designated and County-Selected. Prevention of seedfall of Class B-Designated weeds is required. Class B County-Selected weeds are targeted for control, mapping, educational or biological efforts.

Class C weeds: widespread in the state and are targeted for mapping, educational or biological efforts in Whatcom County.



Class A Weeds

common crupina
cordgrass, common
 cordgrass, dense-flowered
 cordgrass, saltmeadow
 cordgrass, smooth
 dyer's woad
eggleaf spurge
false brome
 floating primrose-willow
flowering rush
 French broom
garlic mustard
giant hogweed
 goatsrue
 hydrilla
 Johnsongrass
knapweed, bighead
 knapweed, Vochin
 kudzu
 meadow clary
 oriental clematis
 purple starthistle
 reed sweetgrass
 ricefield bulrush
sage, clary
 sage, Mediterranean
 silverleaf nightshade
 small-flowered jewelweed
 South American spongeplant
Spanish broom
 Syrian beancaper
 Texas blueweed
 thistle, Italian
thistle, milk
 thistle, slenderflower
 thistle, Turkish
 variable-leaf milfoil
 wild four-o'clock

Crupina vulgaris
Spartina anglica
Spartina densiflora
Spartina patens
Spartina alterniflora
Isatis tinctoria
Euphorbia oblongata
Brachypodium sylvaticum
Ludwigia peploides
Butomus umbellatus
Genista monspessulana
Alliaria petiolata
Heracleum mantegazzianum
Galega officinalis
Hydrilla verticillata
Sorghum halepense
Centaurea macrocephala
Centaurea nigrescens
Pueraria montana var. *lobata*
Salvia pratensis
Clematis orientalis
Centaurea calcitrapa
Glyceria maxima
Schoenoplectus mucronatus
Salvia sclarea
Salvia aethiopis
Solanum elaeagnifolium
Impatiens parviflora
Limnobiium laevigatum
Spartium junceum
Zygophyllum fabago
Helianthus ciliaris
Carduus pycnocephalus
Silybum marianum
Carduus tenuiflorus
Carduus cinereus
Myriophyllum heterophyllum
Mirabilis nyctaginea

Class B (designated) Weeds

blueweed
Brazilian elodea
 bugloss, annual
bugloss, common
 camelthorn
common fennel¹
 common reed(nonnative genotypes)
Dalmatian toadflax
European coltsfoot
 fanwort
 gorse
 grass-leaved arrowhead
 hawkweed oxtongue
hawkweeds²
 hoary alyssum
 houndstongue
 indigobush
knapweed, black
knapweed, brown
knapweed, diffuse
 knapweed, Russian
knotweed, giant
knotweed, Himalayan
knotweed, Japanese
 kochia
loosestrife, garden
loosestrife, purple
 loosestrife, wand
 Malta starthistle
 parrotfeather
perennial pepperweed
 puncturevine
 rush skeletonweed
 saltcedar
shiny geranium
 spurge laurel

Echium vulgare
Egeria densa
Lycopsis arvensis
Anchusa officinalis
Alhagi maurorum
Foeniculum vulgare
Phragmites australis
Linaria dalmatica
Tussilago farfara
Cabomba caroliniana
Ulex europaeus
Sagittaria graminea
Picris hieracioides
Hieracium, subgenus Pilosella
Berteroa incana
Cynoglossum officinale
Amorpha fruticosa
Centaurea nigra
Centaurea jacea
Centaurea diffusa
Rhaponticum repens
Fallopia sachalinensis
Persicaria wallichii
Fallopia japonica
Bassia scoparia
Lysimachia vulgaris
Lythrum salicaria
Lythrum virgatum
Centaurea melitensis
Myriophyllum aquaticum
Lepidium latifolium
Tribulus terrestris
Chondrilla juncea
Tamarix ramosissima
Geranium lucidum
Daphne laureola

spurge, leafy
sulfur cinquefoil
 thistle, musk
 thistle, plumeless
thistle, Scotch
velvetleaf
 water primrose
 white bryony
yellow archangel
yellow floatingheart
yellow nutsedge
yellow starthistle

Euphorbia virgata
Potentilla recta
Carduus nutans
Carduus acanthoides
Onopordum acanthium
Abutilon theophrasti
Ludwigia hexapetala
Bryonia alba
Lamiaeum galeobdolon
Nymphoides peltata
Cyperus esculentus
Centaurea solstitialis

Class B - Whatcom County - Selected

butterfly bush
 lesser celandine
 hawkweed, orange
 hawkweeds³
 herb-Robert
 knapweed, meadow
knapweed, spotted
 knotweed, Bohemian
poison hemlock
 policeman's helmet
tansy ragwort
 Scotch broom
 Eurasian watermilfoil
 wild chervil
 hairy willowherb

Buddleja davidii
Ficaria verna
Hieracium aurantiacum
Hieracium, subgenus Hieracium
Geranium robertianum
Centaurea x gerstlaueri
Centaurea stoebe
Fallopia x bohémica
Conium maculatum
Impatiens glandulifera
Jacobaea vulgaris
Cytisus scoparius
Myriophyllum spicatum
Anthriscus sylvestris
Epilobium hirsutum

Class C - Whatcom County - Selected

common St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
curlyleaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
English hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
English ivy - four	<i>Hedera helix</i>
Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>M.sibiricum</i>
evergreen blackberry	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
fragrant waterlily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
Himalayan blackberry	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>
Italian arum	<i>Arum italicum</i>
jubata grass	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>
medusahead	<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>
nonnative cattail ⁵	<i>Typha</i> spp.
old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
spotted jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>
thistle, bull	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
thistle, Canada	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
tree-of-heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
ventenata	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>
yellowflag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>

¹(except *F. vulgare* var. *azoricum*)

²All nonnative species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus

³All nonnative species and hybrids of the wall subgenus

⁴Cultivars: 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', 'Star'; *H. hibernica* 'Hibernica'

⁵Including but not limited to *Typha angustifolia*, *T.domingensis*, *T.minima*, *T.x glauca*

Noxious weeds identified with an underline receive highest priority for education, survey and/or notification to owners of infested property. **Bold type** indicates species which have been recorded as present in Whatcom County.

Frequently Asked Questions

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. The Whatcom County Weed Board then customizes this list and adopts the Whatcom County Noxious Weed List each year. These are priority weeds that may be required by law to be controlled by the property owner.

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

Some noxious weeds are poisonous, but not all of them are. Toxicity in a noxious weed may be just one of the problems associated with it. By legal definition, noxious weeds are non-native plants that have been introduced to Washington State. Because of their aggressive growth and lack of natural enemies, 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 they can also poison humans and livestock.

What should I do if I have these weeds on my property?

Under state weed law Chapter 17.10 RCW, landowners are responsible for the eradication of Class A and the management of certain Class B noxious weeds on their property. No specific method of control is required; the landowner may choose whatever cultural, mechanical, chemical, or biological method that obtains the desired result. For best results, the type of control you select should take into consideration the weed, its life cycle and location. All weeds are not alike and it is critical to identify and understand your target weeds *before* you manage them. Whatcom County Weed Board staff can provide information on the best methods for problem weeds and your particular site

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.
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Eggleaf Spurge
(Euphorbia oblongata)
Class A Noxious Weed