

Classes of Noxious Weeds

Class A

Class A Noxious Weeds are non-native species whose distribution in Washington State is still limited.

- Eradicating existing infestations and preventing new infestations are the highest priority. Eradication of all Class A plants is required by law.

Class B

Class B noxious weeds are nonnative species whose distribution is limited to portions of Washington State.

- Species are designated for control in state regions where they are not yet widespread. Prevention of new infestations in these areas is the primary goal.
- In regions where a Class B species is already abundant, control is decided at the local level. Containment of these weeds is the primary goal so that they do not spread into un-infested regions.
- **The Washington State Noxious Weed Board or a County Noxious Weed Board can designate a Class B noxious weed for mandatory control.**

Class B designations at the state level are listed in WAC 16-750-011 and are based on our designation region map.

Class C

Class C noxious weeds are either already widespread in Washington or are of special interest to the agricultural industry.

- The Class C status allows a county to enforce control if it is beneficial to that county (*for example: to protect crops*). Other counties may choose to provide education or technical support for the removal or control of these weeds.

The Laws

RCW 17.10

RCW 17.10 (Revised Code of Washington) is the state's basic weed law.

The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) contains the rules and regulations needed to carry out state law.

WAC Chapter 16-750

WAC Chapter 16-750 includes the state Noxious Weed List, definitions and descriptions of region boundaries for Class B weeds, and the schedule of monetary penalties.

WAC Chapter 16-752

WAC Chapter 16-752 describes the quarantine list maintained by the state Department of Agriculture. (The state law that calls for the creation and maintenance of the quarantine list is RCW 17.24.)

Quarantine List

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) maintains a quarantine list of plants, also called the prohibited plants list, whose sale or distribution is prohibited in the state. All Class A Noxious Weeds are on this list. There are also plants on the list to prevent them from being imported and spread in our state.

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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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SKAGIT COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

Region 2



List arranged alphabetically
by: COMMON NAME



The following are Class A Weeds where control is required

broom, French	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>
broom, Spanish	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
common cupina	<i>Crupian vulgaris</i>
cordgrass, common	<i>Spartina anglica</i>
cordgrass, dense-flowered	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>
cordgrass, salt meadow	<i>Spartina patens</i>
cordgrass, smooth	<i>Spartina Aaltermiflora</i>
arrowhead delta	<i>Sigittaria platyphylla</i>
dye's woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>
eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblingata</i>
false brome	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>
floating primrose-willow	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
flowering rush	<i>Butornis umbellatus</i>
garlic mustard	<i>alliaría petiolata</i>
giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>
hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
knapweed, bighead	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
knapweed, Vochin	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>
meadow clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>
oriental clematis	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>
purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
reed sweetgrass	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>
ricefield bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>
round leaf bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiops</i>
silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
small-flowered jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
South American spongeplant	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
Sunflower broomrape	<i>Orobanche Cumana</i>
Syrian bean-caper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
thistle, marsh	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>
thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
variable-leaf milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
waterhemp	<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i>
wild four-o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>

The following are B-Designates where control is required

blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Brazilian elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>
bugloss, annual	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>
bugloss, common	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>
camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>
common reed (nonnative genotypes only)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica ssp. dalmatica</i>
European coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>
fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
grass-leaved arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
hairy willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
hawkweed, orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus	<i>Hieracium, subgenus Pilosella</i>
hoary alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>

houndstounge	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
Indigobush	<i>Amorpha frutcosa</i>
knapweed, black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
knapweed, brown	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
knapweed, diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
knapweed, meadow	<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i>
knapweed, Russian	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>
knapweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
knotweed, giant	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>
knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Polygonum polystachyum</i>
kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
loosestrife, garden	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
Malta starthistle	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium.</i>
policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
shiny geranium	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
spurge laurel	<i>Daphne laureola</i>
spurge, leafy	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
spurge, myrtle	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
thistle, musk	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
thistle, plumeless	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
thistle, Scotch	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
water primrose	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
white bryony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>
wild chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
yellow archangel	<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>
yellow floatingheart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
yellow starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>

The following are B Non-Designates and are **NOT** required for control

butterfly bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)	<i>Foeniculum vulgare (except F. vulgare var.</i>
Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the wall subgenus	<i>Hieracium, subgenus Hieracium</i>
herb-Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
lesser celandine	<i>Ficaria verna</i>
loosestrife, purple	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
loosestrife, wand	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>
Ravenna grass	<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>
Spurge flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
Scotch broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
yellow nutsedge	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>

The following are B Non-Designates selected for control by the Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board where control is required

knotweed, Bohemian	<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i>
knotweed, Japanese	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
tansy ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>

These are optional Class C noxious weeds and are **NOT** required for control.

absinth wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>
Austrian fieldcress	<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>
babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
black henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>
Black locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>
blackberry, evergreen	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
blackberry Himilayan	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>
blackbrass	<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>
buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
cereal rye	<i>Secale cereale</i>
common barberry	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>
common catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>
common groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>
Common holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
common St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
common teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>
curly-leaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
English hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
English ivy 4 cultivars	<i>Hedera helix 'Baltica', Hedera helix 'Pittsburgh', Hedera helix 'Star', Hedera hibernica'Hibernica'</i>
Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum x M. sibiricum</i>
field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
hairy whitetop	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>
hoary cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i>
Italian arum	<i>Arum italicum</i>
Japanese eelgrass	<i>Zostera japonica</i>
jointed goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>
jubata grass	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>
lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>
longspine sandbur	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>
Medusahead	<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>
nonnative cattail species and hybrids	<i>Including, but not limited to , Typha angustifolia, T. domingensis and T. x glauca</i>
norway maple	<i>Acer plantanoides</i>
old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
oxeye daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>
pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis ssp. Arvensis</i>
reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Russian olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
scentless mayweed	<i>Matricaria perforata</i>
smoothseed alfalfa dodder	<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>
spikeweed	<i>Centromadia pungens</i>
spiny cocklebur	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>
spotted jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>
Swainsonpea	<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</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>
white cockle	<i>Silene latifolia ssp. Alba</i>
wild carrot (except where commercially grown)	<i>Daucus carota</i>
yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
Yellow toadflax	<i>Linaris vulgaris</i>