

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



Class A Weeds (Eradication is required)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
broom, French	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>
broom, Spanish	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
common crupina	<i>Crupina 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 alterniflora</i>
dyer's woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>
eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>
false brome	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>
floating primrose-willow	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
flowering rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>
garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>
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>
meadow clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>
oriental clematis	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>
Palmer amaranth	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>
purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
reed sweetgrass	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>
ricefield bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>
sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>
silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
small-flowered jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
South American spongeplant	<i>Limnobiium laevigatum</i>
Syrian bean-caper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
thistle, Turkish	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>
variable-leaf milfoil and hybrids	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
Class B (Control is required)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Brazilian elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>
bugloss, annual	<i>Lycopsis 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>
hanging sedge	<i>Carex pendula, Carex pendula</i>
hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
hawkweed, orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
hawkweeds: All nonnative species & hybrids of the meadow subgenus	<i>Hieracium, subgenus Pilosella</i>

hoary alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>
houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
indigobush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
knawweed, black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
knawweed, brown	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
knawweed, diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
knawweed, meadow	<i>Centaurea x gerstlaueri</i>
knawweed, Russian	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>
knawweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
knotweed, Bohemian	<i>Fallopia x bohémica</i>
knotweed, giant	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>
knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>
knotweed, Japanese	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
kochia	<i>Bassia 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>
poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
rough chervil	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>
rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
Scotch broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
shiny geranium	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
spurge laurel	<i>Daphne laureola</i>
spurge, leafy	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>
spurge, myrtle	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
sulfur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
tansy ragwort	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</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 basil	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>
wild chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
yellow archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>
yellow floating heart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
yellow starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>
Class B (Control is not required)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
butterfly bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)	<i>Foeniculum vulgare except F. vulgare var. azoricum)</i>
common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</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>Tripidium ravennae</i>
hawkweeds: All nonnative species & hybrids of the wall subgenus	<i>Hieracium, subgenus Hieracium</i>
spurge flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
yellow nutsedge	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>

Class C (Control is required)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
common teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>
Italian arum	<i>Arum italicum</i>
thistle, bull	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
thistle, Canada	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Class C (Control is not required)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
absinth wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>
Austrian fieldcress	<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>
babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
beach grass, European, American, and hybrids	<i>Ammophila arenaria, A. breviligulata, and A. arenaria x</i>
black henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>
blackberry, evergreen	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
blackberry, Himalayan	<i>Rubus bifrons</i>
blackgrass	<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 St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
curly-leaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
English hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
English ivy 4 cultivars only:	<i>Hedera hibernica 'Hibernica', Hedera helix 'Baltica', Hedera</i>
Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum x M.</i>
field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
green alkanet	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>
hairy whitetop	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>
hoary cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i>
Japanese eelgrass	<i>Nanozostera 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.</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>Tripleurospermum inodorum</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>
tree-of-heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
ventenata	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>
white cockle	<i>Silene latifolia</i>
wild carrot (except subs. sativus where grown commercially or for food)	<i>Daucus carota</i>
yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
yellow toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>