

Class A Weeds: Non-native species whose distribution in Washington is still limited. Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations are the highest priority. **Eradication of all Class A plants is required by law.**

Class B Weeds: Non-native species presently limited to portions of the State. Species are **designated** for required control in regions where they are not yet widespread. Preventing new infestations in these areas is a high priority. In regions where a Class B species is already abundant, control is decided at the local level, with containment as the primary goal. Please contact your County Noxious Weed Control Board to learn which species are designated for control in your area.

Class C Weeds: Noxious weeds that are typically widespread in WA or are of special interest to the state's agricultural industry. The Class C status allows county weed boards to require control if locally desired, or they may choose to provide education or technical consultation.

Class A Weeds
Eradication is required

Alliaria petiolata	garlic mustard
Amaranthus palmeri	Palmer amaranth
Amaranthus tuberculatus	waterhemp
Brachypodium sylvaticum	false brome
Butomus umbellatus	flowering rush
Carduus cinereus	thistle, Turkish
Carduus pycnocephalus	thistle, Italian
Carduus tenuiflorus	thistle, slenderflower
Celastrus orbiculatus	round leaf bittersweet
Centaurea calcitrapa	purple starthistle
Centaurea macrocephala	knapweed, bighead
Centaurea nigrescens	knapweed, Vochin

Cirsium palustre	thistle, marsh
Clematis orientalis	oriental clematis
Crupina vulgaris	common crupina
Euphorbia oblongata	eggleaf spurge
Galega officinalis	goatsrue
Genista monspessulana	French broom
Glyceria maxima	reed sweetgrass
Helianthus ciliaris	Texas blueweed
Heracleum mantegazzianum	giant hogweed
Hydrilla verticillata	hydrilla
Impatiens parviflora	small-flowered jewelweed
Isatis tinctoria	dyer's woad
Limnobium laevigatum	South American spongeplant
Ludwigia peploides	floating primrose-willow
Mirabilis nyctaginea	wild four-o'clock
Myriophyllum heterophyllum, Myriophyllum heterophyllum x Myriophyllum hippuroides	variable-leaf milfoil & hybrid
Pueraria montana var. lobata	kudzu
Sagittaria platyphylla	delta arrowhead
Salvia aethiopis	sage, Mediterranean
Salvia pratensis	meadow clary
Salvia sclarea	sage, clary
Schoenoplectus mucronatus	ricefield bulrush
Silybum marianum	thistle, milk
Solanum elaeagnifolium	silverleaf nightshade
Sorghum halepense	Johnsongrass
Spartina alterniflora	cordgrass, smooth
Spartina anglica	cordgrass, common
Spartina densiflora	cordgrass, dense-flowered
Spartina patens	cordgrass, saltmeadow

Spartium junceum	Spanish broom
Zygophyllum fabago	Syrian beancaper

Class B Weeds

Abutilon theophrasti	velvetleaf
Alhagi maurorum	camelthorn
Amorpha fruticosa	indigobush
Anchusa officinalis	bugloss, common
Anthriscus sylvestris	wild chervil
Bassia scoparia	kochia
Berteroa incana	hoary alyssum
Bryonia alba	white bryony
Buddleja davidii	butterfly bush
Cabomba caroliniana	fanwort
Carduus acanthoides	thistle, plumeless
Carduus nutans	thistle, musk
Carex pendula, Carex pendula subsp. pendula and Carex pendula subsp. agastachys	hanging sedge
Centaurea x gerstlaueri	knapweed, meadow
Centaurea diffusa	knapweed, diffuse
Centaurea jacea	knapweed, brown
Centaurea melitensis	Malta starthistle
Centaurea nigra	knapweed, black
Centaurea solstitialis	yellow starthistle
Centaurea stoebe	knapweed, spotted
Chaerophyllum temulum	rough chervil
Chondrilla juncea	rush skeletonweed
Clinopodium vulgare	wild basil
Conium maculatum	poison hemlock
Cynoglossum officinale	houndstongue
Cyperus esculentus	yellow nutsedge
Cytisus scoparius	Scotch broom
Daphne laureola	spurge laurel
Echium vulgare	blueweed
Egeria densa	Brazilian elodea
Epilobium hirsutum	hairy willowherb
Euphorbia myrsinites	spurge, myrtle

Euphorbia virgata	spurge, leafy
Fallopia x bohemica	knotweed, Bohemian
Fallopia japonica	knotweed, Japanese
Fallopia sachalinensis	knotweed, giant
Ficaria verna	lesser celandine
Foeniculum vulgare except F. vulgare var. azoricum)	common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)
Geranium lucidum	shiny geranium
Geranium robertianum	herb-Robert
Hieracium aurantiacum	hawkweed, orange
Hieracium, subgenus Hieracium	hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the wall subgenus
Hieracium, subgenus Pilosella	hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus
Impatiens glandulifera	policeman's helmet
Jacobaea vulgaris	tansy ragwort
Lamiastrum galeobdolon	yellow archangel
Lepidium latifolium	perennial pepperweed
Linaria dalmatica ssp. dalmatica	Dalmatian toadflax
Ludwigia hexapetala	water primrose
Lycopsis arvensis	bugloss, annual
Lysimachia vulgaris	loosestrife, garden
Lythrum salicaria	loosestrife, purple
Lythrum virgatum	loosestrife, wand
Myriophyllum aquaticum	parrotfeather
Myriophyllum spicatum	Eurasian watermilfoil
Nymphoides peltata	yellow floatingheart
Onopordum acanthium	thistle, Scotch
Persicaria wallichii	knotweed, Himalayan

Phragmites australis	common reed (nonnative genotypes only)
Picris hieracioides	hawkweed oxtongue
Potentilla recta	sulfur cinquefoil
Rhaponticum repens	knapweed, Russian
Sagittaria graminea	grass-leaved arrowhead
Tamarix ramosissima	saltcedar
Tanacetum vulgare	common tansy
Thymelaea passerina	spurge flax
Tribulus terrestris	puncturevine
Tripidium ravennae	Ravenna grass
Tussilago farfara	European coltsfoot
Ulex europaeus	gorse

Class C Weeds

Acer platanoides	Norway maple
Aegilops cylindrica	jointed goatgrass
Ailanthus altissima	tree-of-heaven
Alopecurus myosuroides	blackgrass
Ammophila arenaria, Ammophila breviligulata, and Ammophila arenaria x Ammophila breviligulata	beach grasses, European, American, and hybrid
Artemisia absinthium	absinth wormwood
Arum italicum	Italian arum
Berberis vulgaris	common barberry
Cenchrus longispinus	longspine sandbur
Centromadia pungens	spikeweed
Cirsium arvense	thistle, Canada
Cirsium vulgare	thistle, bull
Clematis vitalba	old man's beard
Convolvulus arvensis	field bindweed
Cortaderia jubata	jubata grass
Cortaderia selloana	Pampas grass
Crataegus monogyna	English hawthorn
Cuscuta approximata	smoothseed alfalfa dodder

Daucus carota	wild carrot (except where commercially grown)
Dipsacus fullonum	common teasel
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian olive
Gypsophila paniculata	babysbreath
Hedera helix 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star', and H. hibernica 'Hibernica'	English ivy - four cultivars only
Hyoscyamus niger	black henbane
Hypericum perforatum	common St. Johnswort
Hypochaeris radicata	common catsear
Ilex aquifolium	common holly, except where commercially grown
Impatiens capensis	spotted jewelweed
Iris pseudacorus	yellow flag iris
Lepidium appelianum	hairy whitetop
Lepidium draba	hoary cress
Leucanthemum vulgare	oxeye daisy
Linaria vulgaris	yellow toadflax
Myriophyllum spicatum x Myriophyllum sibiricum	Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid
Nanozostera japonica	Japanese eelgrass
Nymphaea odorata	fragrant waterlily
Pentaglottis sempervirens	green alkanet
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canarygrass
Potamogeton crispus	curlyleaf pondweed
Robinia pseudoacacia	black locust
Rorippa austriaca	Austrian fieldcress
Rubus bifrons (Rubus armeniacus)	Himalayan blackberry
Rubus laciniatus	evergreen blackberry
Secale cereale	cereal rye
Senecio vulgaris	common groundsel
Silene latifolia	white cockle

Solanum rostratum	buffalobur
Soliva sessilis	lawnweed
Sonchus arvensis	perennial sowthistle
Sphaerophysa salsula	Swainsonpea
Taeniatherum caput-medusae	medusahead
Tripleurospermum inodorum	scentless mayweed
Typha species	nonnative cattail species and hybrids (reminder, does not include the native common cattail, Typha latifolia)
Ventenata dubia	ventenata
Xanthium spinosum	spiny cocklebur

To learn more about noxious weeds and noxious weed control in Washington State, please contact:

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Or

Your County Noxious Weed Control Board

Please help protect Washington's economy and environment from noxious weeds!

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Washington State Noxious Weed List



Delta arrowhead, *Sagittaria platyphylla*, is an aquatic class A weed which can heavily impact lakes, ponds, and slow moving bodies of fresh water.

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List arranged alphabetically by:

SCIENTIFIC NAME

