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# WEEDS OF SPRING

## 2019



Washington's noxious weed law (*RCW 17.10*) requires landowners, as well as city, county, and state land agencies to control or eradicate certain weeds. The newly adopted 2019 Island County Noxious Weed List is out and available. Check it out at <https://bit.ly/2CgbedB>.

You can also pick up a copy at the WSU Extension Island County office or the Whidbey Island Conservation District office.

For past Weed Bulletins, visit: [www.whidbeycd.org/weed-bulletin.html](http://www.whidbeycd.org/weed-bulletin.html)




### QUESTIONS?

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Visit Island County Noxious Weed Control Board for more information  
[www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Noxious-Weed/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Noxious-Weed/Pages/Home.aspx)



### Orange Hawkweed

*Hieracium aurantiacum*  
[www.nwcb.wa.gov/weeds/orange-hawkweed](http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/weeds/orange-hawkweed)

**Unpalatable and displaces native plants.**

- Habitat:** Open spaces with lots of sun.
- Profile:** Perennial aster up to 2' tall. Lance-shaped leaves that are hairy and grow at base of plant. Bright orange flower in clusters of 3-7. Creeping root system. All parts of plant have milky juice if broken. Spreads by seed and creeping rhizome.
- Why?:** Crowds out desirable species; unpalatable for livestock.
- Control:** Digging - though care must be taken to remove all the roots. Broadleaf herbicide can be effective. Consult Noxious Weed Coordinator.

**Class B**




### Dalmatian Toadflax

*Linaria dalmatica ssp. dalmatica*  
[www.nwcb.wa.gov/weeds/dalmatian-toadflax](http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/weeds/dalmatian-toadflax)

**Can be poisonous, and displaces native plants.**

- Habitat:** Open spaces, like pastures and meadows.
- Profile:** Perennial herb 2.5 - 5' tall. Large root system. Yellow flowers with orange tips (snapdragon-like). Heart-shaped leaves, light green and slightly waxiness that appear clasped to the main stem. Spreads initially by seed, then by roots.
- Why?:** Poisonous to cattle; displaces native species.
- Control:** Small, isolated plants can be dug out over several years. Intensive clean cultivation (8 -10 times/year) for two years has shown success. Biocontrol agent *Mecinus janthinus* can be used, as well as grazing of sheep. Broadleaf herbicides can be effective. Consult Noxious Weed Coordinator.

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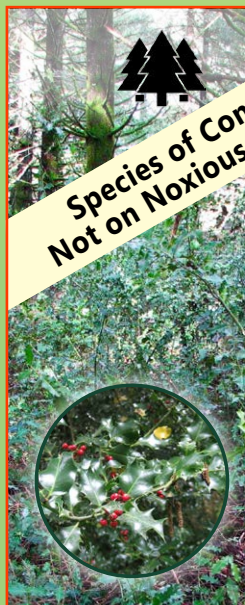


### Curious about noxious weed identification?

Follow the new series "Double-Take Tuesdays" on the Island County Noxious Weed Control Program Facebook page. Running through the spring and updated every other week, this series explores common noxious weed species and the native and introduced species that are often mislabeled as noxious.

Visit & "Like": <https://www.facebook.com/islandcountynoxiousweedprogram/>

For the most recent Double-Take Tuesday visit: <https://prezi.com/view/qs0cCK2DevuPkcC8ujJs/>



### English Holly

*Ilex aquifolium*  
[www.nwcb.wa.gov/weeds/english-holly](http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/weeds/english-holly)

**Spread by birds. Aggressive growth habit.**

**Species of Concern - Not on Noxious Weed List**

- Habitat:** Forested areas.
- Profile:** Broadleaf evergreen tree or shrub between 15 - 50' tall. Can be single or multi-stemmed trunk. Flowers small and whitish. Thick, glossy, dark green, & waxy leaves with spines. Red, yellow, or orange berries depending on cultivar. Generally spread by birds. Sterile varieties exempt.
- Why?:** Berries are poisonous for people. Aggressive growth habit.
- Control:** Small plants can be pulled or dug; cut & paint application on larger trunks generally most successful treatment regime.

**Noxious weeds thrive in a variety of habitats.** Refer to the icons below to become familiar with the habitats of local noxious weeds, which can help you recognize and monitor weeds on your property.

