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# 2022 ISLAND COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

(arranged alphabetically by common name)



Spotted Knapweed  
*Centaurea stoebe*

Class B regulated weed in Island County

The control of noxious weeds is a community effort

## WHAT ARE NOXIOUS WEEDS?

Noxious weeds are non-native plants that are highly destructive, competitive, and difficult to control. They can reduce crop yields, destroy native plant and animal habitat, damage recreational areas, clog waterways, lower land values, and poison humans and livestock.

## WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

People have introduced non-native species both intentionally, such as in gardens or for erosion control, or accidentally, such as in contaminated seed mixes, hay, aquarium plants, or other materials. A small number of these introduced species have turned out to be highly invasive and damaging. Noxious weeds now occur in all parts of Island County.

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF NOXIOUS WEEDS?

Each year, these plants cost Washington State millions of dollars in lost agricultural production, environmental degradation, and maintenance costs. Once invasive plants become established, it is very expensive to eradicate them. In natural areas, it may not even be feasible to remove them once they take hold.

## WHAT IS THE NOXIOUS WEED LAW?

Washington's noxious weed law (RCW 17.10) requires landowners - including city, county and state land agencies - to control or eradicate certain noxious weeds that occur on their property. The county noxious weed program is available to provide information on identification and control methods. Landowners can choose the control method they feel is most appropriate for their property. Noxious weeds affect everyone. Weeds do not obey property lines and jurisdictional boundaries. It takes a coordinated effort to prevent new noxious weeds from establishing and to control and eradicate the weeds already here. The noxious weed law provides a way to effectively stop the spread of the new and most damaging weeds.

## WHICH WEEDS SHOULD BE CONTROLLED?

To help protect the State's resources and economy, the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board adopts a state noxious weed list each year (WAC 16-750) that categorizes weeds as Class A, B, or C based on distribution in the state, abundance, and level of threat (how dangerous the plant is to humans, animals, private and public lands, and native habitats). Each county weed board then passes a county weed list that specifies which weeds landowners are required to control in that county. The county list includes at minimum all Class A weeds and those Class B and C weeds that landowners are required to control in that county, and sometimes additional weeds that are recommended for control.

## Weeds of Concern

The following plant species are not listed as noxious weeds under state law and property owners are not required to control them. However, the island county Noxious Weed control board recognizes these non-native plants as invasive, recommends control or containment of existing populations, and discourages new plantings.

Common Name	Scientific Name
English Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Yellow Bush Lupine	<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>



Scotch broom flower, *Cytisus scoparius*, a class B non-regulated noxious weed in Island County

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## Regulated Class A Weeds

These weeds are the highest priority in the state due to their significant potential impact and limited distribution. Property owners throughout Washington are required to eradicate Class A weeds.

Common Name	Scientific Name
common crupina	Crupina vulgaris
<b>cordgrass, common</b>	<b>Spartina anglica</b>
<b>cordgrass, denseflowered</b>	<b>Spartina densiflora</b>
cordgrass, saltmeadow	Spartina patens
cordgrass, smooth	Spartina alterniflora
dyer's woad	Isatis tinctoria
South American spongeplant	Limnobium laevigatum
eggleaf spurge	Euphorbia oblongata
false brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum
floating primrose-willow	Ludwigia peploides
flowering rush	Butomus unbellatus
French broom	Genista monspessulana
<b>garlic mustard</b>	<b>Alliaria petiolata</b>
<b>giant hogweed</b>	<b>Heracleum mantegazzianum</b>
goatsrue	Galega officinalis
hydrilla	Hydrilla verticillata
Johnsongrass	Sorghum halepense
<b>knapweed, bighead</b>	<b>Centaurea macrocephala</b>
knapweed, Vochin	Centaurea nigrescens
kudzu	Pueraria montana var. lobata
<b>meadow clary</b>	<b>Salvia pratensis</b>
oriental clematis	Clematis orientalis
<b>purple starthistle</b>	<b>Centaurea calcitrapa</b>
Ravenna grass	Tripidium ravennae
reed sweetgrass	Glyceria maxima
ricefield bulrush	Schoenoplectus mucronatus
<b>sage, clary</b>	<b>Salvia sclarea</b>
sage, Mediterranean	Salvia aethiopis
silverleaf nightshade	Solanum elaeagnifolium
Small flowered jewelweed	Impatiens parviflora
<b>Spanish broom</b>	<b>Spartium junceum</b>
Syrian beancaper	Zygophyllum fabago
Texas blueweed	Helianthus ciliaris
thistle, Italian	Carduus pycnocephalus
<b>thistle, milk</b>	<b>Silybum marianum</b>
thistle, slenderflower	Carduus tenuiflorus
thistle, Turkish	Carduus cinereus
variable-leaf milfoil	Myriophyllum heterophyllum
wild four o'clock	Mirabilis nyctaginea

## Regulated Class B & C Weeds

Class B noxious weeds are regulated in counties where they are limited in distribution or where they are a local priority. The following Class B weeds have been designated for control in Island County by the State Weed Board or selected by the Island County Weed Board. Property owners in Island County are required to control these species.

Common Name	Scientific Name
blueweed	Echium vulgare
<b>Brazilian elodea</b>	<b>Egeria densa</b>
bugloss, annual	Lycopsis arvensis
bugloss, common	Anchusa officinalis
camelthorn	Alhagi maurorum
<b>common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)</b>	<b>Foeniculum vulgare (except F. vulgare var. azoricum)</b>
<b>common reed (non-native genotypes)</b>	<b>Phragmites australis</b>
<b>Dalmatian toadflax</b>	<b>Linaria dalmatica ssp. dalmatica</b>
European Coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara
<b>Eurasian watermilfoil</b>	<b>Myriophyllum spicatum</b>
fanwort	Cabomba caroliniana
<b>gorse</b>	<b>Ulex europaeus</b>
grass-leaved arrowhead	Sagittaria graminea
<b>hairy willowherb</b>	<b>Epilobium hirsutum</b>
Hanging Sedge	Carex pendula ssp. pendula and subsp. agastachys
hawkweed, oxtongue	Picris hieracioides
<b>hawkweed, orange</b>	<b>Hieracium aurantiacum</b>
hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus	Hieracium, subgenus Pilosella
hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the wall subgenus	Hieracium, subgenus Hieracium
hoary alyssum	Berteroa incana
houndstongue	Cynoglossum officinale
indigobush	Amorpha fruticosa
knapweed, black	Centaurea nigra
<b>knapweed, brown</b>	<b>Centaurea jacea</b>
<b>knapweed, diffuse</b>	<b>Centaurea diffusa</b>
<b>knapweed, meadow</b>	<b>Centaurea x gerstlaueri</b>
knapweed, Russian	Rhaponticum repens
<b>knapweed, spotted</b>	<b>Centaurea stoebe</b>
<b>knotweed, Bohemian</b>	<b>Fallopia x bohemicum</b>
<b>knotweed, giant</b>	<b>Fallopia sachalinensis</b>
<b>knotweed, Himalayan</b>	<b>Persicaria wallichii</b>
<b>knotweed, Japanese</b>	<b>Fallopia japonica</b>
kochia	Bassia scoparia
<b>loosestrife, garden</b>	<b>Lysimachia vulgaris</b>
<b>loosestrife, purple</b>	<b>Lythrum salicaria</b>
loosestrife, wand	Lythrum virgatum
Malta starthistle	Centaurea melitensis
<b>parrotfeather</b>	<b>Myriophyllum aquaticum</b>

## REGULATED CLASS B WEEDS (continued)

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>perennial pepperweed</b>	<b>Lepidium latifolium</b>
<b>poison hemlock</b>	<b>Conium maculatum</b>
policeman's helmet	Impatiens glandulifera
puncturevine	Tribulus terrestris
rough chervil	Chaerophyllum temulum
rush skeletonweed	Chondrilla juncea
saltcedar	Tamarix ramosissima
<b>shiny geranium</b>	<b>Geranium lucidum</b>
Spurge Flax	Thymelaea passerina
<b>spurge laurel</b>	<b>Daphne laureola</b>
spurge, leafy	Euphorbia virgata
spurge, myrtle	Euphorbia myrsinites
<b>sulfur cinquefoil</b>	<b>Potentilla recta</b>
<b>tansy ragwort</b>	<b>Jacobaea vulgaris</b>
<b>thistle, musk</b>	<b>Carduus nutans</b>
thistle, plumeless	Carduus acanthoides
<b>thistle, Scotch</b>	<b>Onopordum acanthium</b>
velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti
water primrose	Ludwigia hexapetala
white bryony	Bryonia alba
wild basil	Clinopodium vulgare
<b>wild chervil</b>	<b>Anthriscus sylvestris</b>
<b>yellow archangel</b>	<b>Lamium galeobdolon</b>
yellow floating heart	Nymphoides peltata
yellow nutsedge	Cyperus esculentus
yellow starthistle	Centaurea solstitialis

## REGULATED CLASS C WEEDS

Common Name	Scientific Name	Class
<b>bull thistle</b>	<b>Cirsium vulgare</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Canada thistle</b>	<b>Cirsium arvense</b>	<b>C</b>

## Non-regulated Noxious Weeds

The following Class B and C weeds are also on the state noxious weed list but are already widespread. Property owners in Island County are not required to control these species, but control is recommended where feasible.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Class
<b>absinth wormwood</b>	<b>Artemisia absinthium</b>	<b>C</b>
Austrian fieldcress	Rorippa austriaca	C
babysbreath	Gypsophila paniculata	C
black henbane	Hyoscyamus niger	C
blackgrass	Alopecurus myosuroides	C
buffalobur	Solanum rostratum	C
<b>butterflybush</b>	<b>Buddleja davidii</b>	<b>B</b>
cereal rye	Secale cereale	C
common barberry	Berberis vulgaris	C
<b>common catsear</b>	<b>Hypochaeris radicata</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>common groundsel</b>	<b>Senecio vulgaris</b>	<b>C</b>

## NON-REGULATED NOXIOUS WEEDS (continued)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Class
<b>common St. Johnwort</b>	<b>Hypericum perforatum</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>common tansy</b>	<b>Tanacetum vulgare</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>common teasel</b>	<b>Dipsacus fullonum</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>curly pondweed</b>	<b>Potamogeton crispus</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>English hawthorn</b>	<b>Crataegus monogyna</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>English ivy - four cultivars only</b>	<b>Hedera helix 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star'; H. hibernica 'Hibernica'</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Eurasian Watermilfoil Hybrid</b>	<b>Myriophyllum spicatum x M. sibiricum</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>evergreen blackberry</b>	<b>Rubus laciniatus</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>field bindweed</b>	<b>Convolvulus arvensis</b>	<b>C</b>
fragrant waterlily	Nymphaea odorata	C
Green alkanet	Pentaglottis sempervirens	C
hairy whitetop	Lepidium appelianum	C
<b>herb-Robert</b>	<b>Geranium robertianum</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Himalayan blackberry</b>	<b>Rubus bifrons</b>	<b>C</b>
hoary cress	Lepidium draba	C
<b>Italian arum</b>	<b>Arum italicum</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Japanese eelgrass</b>	<b>Nanozostera japonica</b>	<b>C</b>
jointed goatgrass	Aegilops cylindrical	C
<b>jubata grass</b>	<b>Cortaderia jubata</b>	<b>C</b>
lawnweed	Soliva sessilis	C
<b>lesser celandine</b>	<b>Ficaria verna</b>	<b>B</b>
longspine sandbur	Cenchrus longispinus	C
medusahead	Taeniatherumcaput-medusae	C
<b>nonnative cattail species and hybrids</b>	<b>Typha spp.</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>old-man's-beard</b>	<b>Clematis vitalba</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>oxeye daisy</b>	<b>Leucanthemum vulgare</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>pampas grass</b>	<b>Cortaderia selloana</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>perennial sowthistle</b>	<b>Sonchus arvensis ssp.</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>reed canarygrass</b>	<b>Phalaris arundinacea</b>	<b>C</b>
Russian olive	Elaeagnus angustifolia	C
<b>scentless mayweed</b>	<b>Tripleurospermum inodorum</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Scotch broom</b>	<b>Cytisus scoparius</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>smoothseed alfalfa dodder</b>	<b>Cuscuta approximata</b>	<b>C</b>
spikeweed	Centromadia pungens	C
spiny cocklebur	Xanthium spinosum	C
spotted jewelweed	Impatiens capensis	C
Swainsonpea	Sphaerophysa salsula	C
tree-of-heaven	Ailanthus altissima	C
ventenata	Ventenata dubia	C
white cockle	Silene latifolia	C
<b>wild carrot (to exclude subsp. sativus (garden carrot) grown commercially or for food)</b>	<b>Daucus carota</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>yellowflag iris</b>	<b>Iris pseudacorus</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>yellow toadflax</b>	<b>Linaria vulgaris</b>	<b>C</b>

Boldface Type - Noxious weeds known to occur in Island County