

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 (D)**, by the State Weed Board, 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. County Boards may select undesignated species for control within that county **(S)**.

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**

common crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>
cordgrass, common	<i>Spartina anglica</i>
cordgrass, dense-flowered	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>
cordgrass, saltmeadow	<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>
French broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</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>
knapweed, bighead	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
knapweed, Vochin	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>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>
round leaf bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>
silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
small-flowered jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
South American spongeplant	<i>Limnium laevigatum</i>
Spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
Syrian beancaper	<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>
thistle, Turkish	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>
variable-leaf milfoil and hybrid	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> and <i>M. heterophyllum</i> x <i>M. hippuroides</i>
wild four-o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>

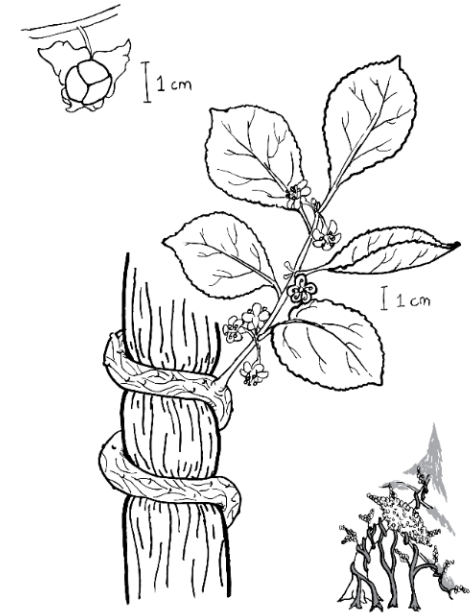
Class B Weeds

blueweed (D)	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Brazilian elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>
bugloss, annual (D)	<i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>
bugloss, common (D)	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>
butterfly bush (D)	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
camelthorn (D)	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>
common fennel, (except bulbing fennel) (D)	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> except <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i>)
common reed (nonnative genotypes only) (D)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
dalmatian toadflax (D)	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i> (D)
Eurasian watermilfoil (D)	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
European coltsfoot (D)	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>
fanwort (D)	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
gorse (S)	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
grass-leaved arrowhead (D)	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
hairy willowherb (D)	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
hanging sedge (D)	<i>Carex pendula</i> , <i>Carex pendula</i> subsp. <i>pendula</i>

	and <i>Carex pendula</i> subsp. <i>agastachys</i>
hawkweed oxtongue (D)	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
hawkweed, orange (D)	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
hawkweeds: All nonnative species & hybrids of the meadow subgenus (D)	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>
hawkweeds: All nonnative species & hybrids of the wall subgenus (D)	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Hieracium</i>
herb-Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
hoary alyssum (D)	<i>Berteroa incana</i>
houndstongue (D)	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
indigobush (D)	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
knapweed, black (D)	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
knapweed, brown (D)	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
knapweed, diffuse (D)	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
knapweed, meadow (D)	<i>Centaurea</i> x <i>gerstlaueri</i>
knapweed, Russian (D)	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>
knapweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
knotweed, Bohemian (S)	<i>Fallopia</i> x <i>bohemica</i>
knotweed, giant (S)	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>
knotweed, Himalayan (D)	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>
knotweed, Japanese (S)	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
kochia (D)	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>
lesser celandine (D)	<i>Ficaria verna</i>
loosestrife, garden (D)	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
loosestrife, purple (S)	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
loosestrife, wand (S)	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>
Malta starthistle (D)	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
parrotfeather (D)	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
perennial pepperweed (D)	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
poison hemlock (S)	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
policeman's helmet (D)	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
puncturevine (D)	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
Ravenna grass	<i>Triplidium ravennae</i>
rough chervil (D)	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>
rush skeletonweed (D)	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
saltcedar (D)	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
Scotch broom (S)	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
shiny geranium (D)	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
spurge flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
spurge laurel (D)	<i>Daphne laureola</i>
spurge, leafy (D)	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>
spurge, myrtle (D)	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
sulfur cinquefoil (D)	<i>Potentilla recta</i>

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Round leaf bitterweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus*, is a class A weed which can strangle trees and deeply infest forests.

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tansy ragwort (S)	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>
thistle, musk (D)	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
thistle, plumeless (D)	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
thistle, Scotch (D)	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
velvetleaf (D)	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
water primrose (D)	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
white bryony (D)	<i>Bryonia alba</i>
wild basil (D)	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>
wild chervil (D)	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
yellow archangel	<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>
yellow floating heart (D)	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
yellow nutsedge (D)	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>
yellow starthistle (D)	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>

Class C Weeds

absinth wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>
Austrian fieldcress	<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>
babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
beach grasses, European, American, and hybrid	<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> , <i>A. breviligulata</i> , and <i>A. arenaria</i> x <i>A. breviligulata</i>
black henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</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>
common teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>
curlyleaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
English hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
English holly, common holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
English ivy - four cultivars only	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star', and <i>H. hibernica</i> 'Hibernica'
Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>
evergreen blackberry	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
fragrant waterlily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
green alkanet	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>
hairy whitetop	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>
Himalayan blackberry	<i>Rubus bifrons</i> (<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>)

hoary cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i>
Italian arum	<i>Arum italicum</i>
Japanese eelgrass	<i>Nanozostera japonica</i>
jubata grass	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>
jointed goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>
lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>
longspine sandbur	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>
medusahead	<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>
nonnative cattail species & hybrids	<i>Typha</i> species (except native common cattail, <i>Typha latifolia</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</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>
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</i>
wild carrot (except where commercially grown)	<i>Daucus carota</i>
yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
yellow toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>

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

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