

WEEDS OF CONCERN

The following weeds have a negative impact on property in Spokane County and when found, this office will encourage their control:

Common Name

Scientific Name

Absinth Wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>
Annual Bugloss	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>
Bull Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Common Groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>
Common Mullein	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>
Houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
Jointed Goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrical</i>
Medusahead	<i>Taeniatherum caput</i>
Poison Hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
Russian Thistle	<i>Salsola iberica</i>
St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Sulfur Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
Ventenata	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>
Wall Lettuce	<i>Mycelis muralis</i>
Yellow Floatingheart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>

To find out more about noxious weeds and their control in Spokane County and Washington State, contact:

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Weed Control Board
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Spokane, WA 99202
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Washington State Noxious
Weed Control Board
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Olympia, WA 98504
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WA State Department of Agriculture
21 North First Avenue #103
Yakima, WA 98902
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**Protect our Natural Resources,
Prevent Noxious Weeds from
Going to Seed**

2019 Spokane County Noxious Weed List



Musk Thistle

(Carduus nutans)

Class B Designate Noxious Weed

Musk Thistle is an aggressive, biennial weed that can grow up to 7 feet tall. Also known as “Nodding Thistle” because the flower heads droop to a 90° angle from the stem when they mature.

It is not palatable to livestock due to the sharp spines on the flower heads and stems.

**Everyone benefits when noxious weeds are controlled.
Prevention of new infestations is a top priority for the Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board.**

This handout is a list of the noxious weeds commonly found growing in Spokane County. Please contact our office if you would like to have the complete list.

Musk Thistle photo courtesy of Emily Walston

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 Class A weeds is required by law.

The following Class A weeds are currently found growing in Spokane County and control is mandated by the WA State Noxious Weed Control Board:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
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Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliara petiolata</i>
Wild Four O'Clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>

The Mission of the Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board is to act as responsible stewards of the land and resources in Spokane County. We will preserve the productivity and diversity of agricultural land and natural resources in the most cost efficient manner, from the impact of noxious weeds. We will also protect human health and environment by promoting the implementation of Integrated Pest Management control measures. Identification and control of Class A and B Designate weeds will be a priority and we will attempt to reduce the impact of Class B and C weeds to a lower level of significance.

CLASS B DESIGNATE WEEDS

Class B Designate weeds are designated for control in certain regions where they are not yet widespread. Preventing infestations in these areas is high priority. The following Class B Designate weeds are currently growing in Spokane County and control is mandated by the WA State Noxious Weed Control Board:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Herb-Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
Hoary Alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>
Musk Thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
Myrtle Spurge	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
Perennial Pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
Policeman's Helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
Russian Knapweed	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>
Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
Scotch Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
Velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
White Bryony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>
Wild Chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
Yellow-Flowered Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium</i> (Wall subgenus)
Yellow Starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>

To help protect the State's resources and economy, the WA State Noxious Weed Control Board adopts a State Noxious Weed List each year (WAC 16-750).

This list categorizes weeds into three major classes—A, B and C—based on the stage of invasion of each species and the seriousness of the threat they pose to the state or a region of the state.

CLASS B WEEDS

In areas where Class B weeds are abundant, control is decided at the local level, containment is the primary goal. The following weeds are growing wild in Spokane County and are mandated for control:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Common Bugloss	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>
Dalmatian Toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>
Hawkweed, Orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
Hawkweed, Yellow-Flowered	<i>H.</i> (Meadow subgenus)
Knapweed, Diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
Knapweed, Spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
Kochia	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>
Leafy Spurge	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Rush Skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
Scotch Thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>

CLASS C WEEDS

Class C weeds are non-native species that are widespread in the county and long-term programs of suppression and control are a local option, depending upon threats and the feasibility of control. The following weeds are mandated for control:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
Canada Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Common Barberry	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>
Hoary Cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i>
Oxeye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>