

Wheeler Weed Warriors Program

Invasive Weed Identification

PLEASE NOTE!

Not all invasive species are created equal. Even plants in the same family can require vastly different treatment techniques to eradicate . PLEASE BE SURE to correctly identify any weeds before attempting removal and consult professionals if you are uncertain.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP! Contact Wheeler SWCD with questions. For extra fun, check out https://www.wheelerswcd.org/ for our bingo contest.

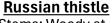
Bull thistle

- Leaves: alternate. prickly-hairy above, cottony belów
- Flowers: purplish-pink, tapered bracts with spines



Canada thistle

- Leaves: spiny, alternate
- Flowers: Purplishpink, clusters 1-5 per branch



· Stems: Woody at maturity, reddish to purplish stripes



- Leaves: Alternate, large, sharp spikes, gray-green
- Flowers: purplish, spintipped bracts below
- Stems: broad-spiney wings



Common teasel

- Leaves: opposite, rosettes, lance-shaped, spiny, large white midvėin
- Flowers: Purplish-pink band, bracts extend past seed head



Russian knapweed

- · Leaves: gray-green, lance-shaped
- pink or purple petals



Spotted knapweed

- Leaves: alternate to 6ft
 Leaves: stalked long
- Flowers: pinkishpurple, bracts with black tips, comb-like spines



Diffuse knapweed

- divided dark green
- · Flowers: white, bracts with yellow spines below



Mediterranean

sage

- Leaves: Pungent when crushed, large grayish rosette
- Flowers: yellowishwhite, mint-like, wooly clusters



White top (Hoary cress)

- Leaves: alternate, bluegreen, lance-shaped
- Flowers: numerous, white, 4 petals, flattopped



Dalmatian toadflax

- · Leaves: Bluish, thick, waxy, clasping
- Flowers: bright yellow, like snapdragons, orange centers



Rush skeletonweed

- · Leaves: almost none
- Flowers: yellow
- Stems: tough, waxy, latex-filled
- Stems: coarse, downward pointed hairs near ground



Yellow starthistle

- Leaves: grey-green to Leaves: alternate, narrow Leaves: Opposite, blue-green
- · Flowers: Yellow, stiff/sharp thorns



Leafy spurge

- Flowers: yellowish-green, bracts below are heartshaped
- Contains white, milky latex



Puncturevine

- lance shaped
- Flowers: 5 petal vellow
- Stem: mat-forming



Russian-olive

- Leaves: alternate, narrow-lanceolaté, silvery below
- Flowers: yellow
- Thorns on branches, alternate



Tree of Heaven

- bark with chestnut brown twigs
- Seeds: helicopter



Houndstounge

- Trunk: smooth, gray Leaves: alternate, hairy, rough,
 - Flowers: clusters, dull reddish-purple to burgundy, 5 lobes



Know Your Noxious Weeds!

A noxious weed is any non-native invasive plant that causes negative effects to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife or property.

State government officials create a list designating these weed, using thorough inventory. ORS 569.615



Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

WEED BINGO!

 Thistle	 Knapweed	Mediterranean sage	Knapweed	White top (Hoary cress)
Knapweed	Tree of Heaven	 Thistle	Leafy spurge	 Thistle
Houndstounge	 Thistle	Free space	Yellow starthistle	Dalmatian toadflax
Leafy spurge	Knapweed	Puncturevine	 Thistle	Russian olive
 Knapweed	Rush skeletonweed	Thistle	Tree of Heaven	 Knapweed

HOW TO PLAY

Get outside to see what nasty weeds have invaded our county!

Using the reference guide on the back AND other resources found on ODA's Noxious Weeds website, CAREFULLY identify what invasive species are hiding in your area. Once you spot the weed, take a picture and mark it off with an X (Photos are required with Wheeler Weed Warriors **Nomination form submission**). To get 'Bingo' you must locate 5 weeds in a row, column, or diagonal. For family categories such as 'thistle' please write which type you found!