

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 below
- Flowers: purplish-pink, tapered bracts with spines



Canada thistle Leaves: spiny, alternate Flowers: Purplish-

pink, clusters 1-5 per branch



Spotted

knapweed

Flowers: pinkish-

purple, bracts with

Rush

skeletonweed

Leaves: almost none

Stems: tough, waxy,

pointed hairs near ground

Flowers: yellow

latex-filled

Russian knapweed

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



long

Dalmatian toadflax

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



Russian-olive

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



Tree of Heaven

- bark with chestnut brown twigs
- Seeds: helicopter



Russian thistle · Stems: Woody at

maturity, reddish to purplish stripes



Diffuse knapweed

- Leaves: alternate to 6ft
 Leaves: stalked divided dark green
 - Flowers: white, bracts with yellow spines below



Yellow starthistle

- blue-green
- Flowers: Yellow, Stems: coarse, downward stiff/sharp thorns



Houndstounge

Trunk: smooth, gray • Leaves: alternate, hairy, rough,

 Flowers: clusters, dull reddish-purple to burgundy, 5 lobes



Scotch thistle

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



Mediterranean sage

- Leaves: Pungent when crushed, large gravish rosette
- Flowers: yellowishclusters



Common teasel

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



White top (Hoary cress)

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



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



lance shaped Flowers: 5 petal

vellow Stem: mat-forming

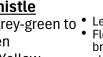
Puncturevine



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





white, mint-like, wooly