

Noxious Weed Policy and Classification System 2022

Noxious Weed Control Program

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Mission Statement

To protect Oregon's natural resources and agricultural economy from the invasion and proliferation of invasive noxious weeds.

Program Overview

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Noxious Weed Control Program provides statewide leadership for coordination and management of state listed noxious weeds. The state program focuses on noxious weed control efforts by implementing early detection and rapid response projects for new invasive noxious weeds, implementing biological control, implementing statewide inventory and survey, assisting the public and cooperators through technology transfer and noxious weed education, maintaining noxious weed data and maps for priority listed noxious weeds, and assisting land managers and cooperators with integrated weed management projects. The Noxious Weed Control Program also supports the Oregon State Weed Board (OSWB) with administration of the OSWB Grant Program, developing statewide management objectives, developing weed risk assessments, and maintaining the state noxious weed list.

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Noxious Weed Control Policy and Classification System

Definition

"Noxious weed" means a terrestrial, aquatic or marine plant designated by the Oregon State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.

Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on private, state, county, and federally owned lands, that they have been declared by ORS 569.350 to be a menace to public welfare. Steps leading to eradication, where possible, and intensive control are necessary. It is further recognized that the responsibility for eradication and intensive control rests not only on the private landowner and operator, but also on the county, state, and federal governments.

Weed Control Policy

Therefore, it shall be the policy of ODA to:

- Assess non-native plants through risk assessment processes and make recommendations to the Oregon State Weed Board for potential listing.
- 2. Rate and classify weeds at the state level.
- 3. Prevent the establishment and spread of listed noxious weeds.
- 4. Encourage and implement the control or containment of infestations of listed noxious weed species and, if possible, eradicate them.
- 5. Develop and manage a biological weed control program.
- 6. Increase awareness of potential economic losses and other undesirable effects of existing and newly invading noxious weeds, and to act as a resource center for the dissemination of information.
- 7. Encourage and assist in the organization and operation of noxious weed control programs with government agencies and other weed management entities.
- 8. Develop partnerships with county weed control districts, universities, and other cooperators in the development of control methods.
- 9. Conduct statewide noxious weed surveys and weed control efficacy studies.

Weed Classification System

The purpose of this Classification System is to:

- 1. Act as the ODA's official guideline for prioritizing and implementing noxious weed control projects.
- 2. Assist the ODA in the distribution of available funds through the Oregon State Weed Board to assist county weed programs, cooperative weed management groups, private landowners, and other weed management entities.
- 3. Serve as a model for private and public sectors in developing noxious weed classification systems that aid in setting effective noxious weed control strategies.

Criteria for Determining Economic and Environmental Significance

Detrimental Effects

- 1. A plant species that causes or has the potential to cause severe negative impacts to Oregon's agricultural economy and natural resources.
- 2. A plant species that has the potential to or does endanger native flora and fauna by its encroachment into forest, range, aquatic and conservation areas.
- 3. A plant species that has the potential or does hamper the full utilization and enjoyment of recreational areas.
- 4. A plant species that is poisonous, injurious, or otherwise harmful to humans and/or animals.

Plant Reproduction

- 1. A plant that reproduces by seed capable of being dispersed over wide areas or that is long-lived, or produced in large numbers.
- 2. A plant species that reproduces and spreads by tubers, creeping roots, stolons, rhizomes, or other natural vegetative means.

Distribution

- A weed of known economic importance which occurs in Oregon in small enough infestations to make eradication/containment possible; or not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states makes future occurrence seem imminent.
- 2. A weed of economic or ecological importance and of limited distribution in Oregon.
- 3. A weed that has not infested the full extent of its potential habitat in Oregon.

Difficulty of Control

A plant species that is not easily controlled with current management practices such as chemical, cultural, biological, and physical methods.

Noxious Weed Control Classification Definitions

Noxious weeds, for the purpose of this system, shall be listed as either A or B, and may also be designated as T, which are priority targets for control, as directed by the Oregon State Weed Board.

A Listed Weed:

A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent (Table I).

Recommended action: Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when and where found.

B Listed Weed:

A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties (Table II).

Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.

• T-Designated Weed (T):

A designated group of weed species selected from either the A or B list as a focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority. T-designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and directs ODA to develop and implement a statewide management plan.

Weed Biological Control

Oregon implements biological control, or "biocontrol" as part of its integrated pest management approach to managing noxious weeds. This is the practice of using host-specific natural enemies such as insects or pathogens to control noxious weeds. The Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program has adopted the International Code of Best Practices for biological control of weeds. Only safe, effective, and federally- approved natural enemies will be used for biocontrol.

Table I: A Listed Weeds

African rue (T)	Common Name	Scientific Name
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(T) T-Designated Weed (See page 4)

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Purple (T)	Centaurea calcitrapa
Syrian bean-caper	Zygophyllum fabago
Thistle	
Plumeless (T)	Carduus acanthoides
Smooth distaff	Carthamus baeticus
Taurian (T)	Onopordum tauricum
Turkish (T)	Carduus cinereus
Welted (curly plumeless) (T)	Carduus crispus
Woolly distaff (T)	Carthamus Ianatus
Water soldiers	Stratiotes aloides
West Indian spongeplant	Limnobium laevigatum
White bryonia	Bryonia alba
Yellow floating heart (T)	Nymphoides peltata
Yellowtuft (T)	Alyssum murale, A. corsicum

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Table II: B Listed Weeds

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Garlic mustard (T) Alliaria petiolata	
Geranium	
Herb Robert Geranium robertianum	
Shiny leaf Geranium lucidum	
Giant reed (T)* Arundo donax	
Gorse* (T) Ulex europaeus	
Halogeton Halogeton glomeratus	
Houndstongue Cynoglossum officinale	

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Indigo bush	Amorpha fruticosa
Ivy	
Atlantic	Hedera hibernica
English	Hedera helix
Johnsongrass	Sorghum halepense
Jointed goatgrass	Aegilops cylindrica
Jubata grass	Cortaderia jubata
Knapweed	
Diffuse*	Centaurea diffusa
Meadow*	Centaurea pratensis
Russian*	Acroptilon repens
Spotted* (T)	Centaurea stoebe (C. maculosa)
Knotweed	
Bohemian*	Fallopia x bohemica
Giant*	Fallopia sachalinensis (Polygonum)
Himalayan	Polygonum polystachyum
Japanese*	Fallopia japonica (Polygonum)
Kochia	Kochia scoparia
Lesser celandine	Ranunculus ficaria
Meadow hawkweed (T)	Pilosella caespitosum (Hieracium)
Mediterranean sage*	Salvia aethiopis
Medusahead rye	Taeniatherum caput-medusae
Old man's beard	Clematis vitalba
Parrot feather	Myriophyllum aquaticum
Perennial peavine	Lathyrus latifolius
Perennial pepperweed (T)	Lepidium latifolium
Pheasant's eye	Adonis aestivalis
Pine echium	Echium pininana
Poison hemlock*	Conium maculatum
Policeman's helmet	Impatiens glandulifera
Primrose-willow	
Large-flower (T)	Ludwigia grandiflora
Water primrose (T)	Ludwigia hexapetala
Floating (T)	Ludwigia peploides

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Puncturevine*	Tribulus terrestris
Purple loosestrife*	Lythrum salicaria
Ragweed	Ambrosia artemisiifolia
Ribbongrass (T)	Phalaris arundinacea var. Picta
Rose	
Dog	Rosa canina
Sweetbriar	Rosa rubiginosa
Rush skeletonweed* (T)	Chondrilla juncea
Saltcedar* (T)	Tamarix ramosissima
Small broomrape	Orabanche minor
South American waterweed	Egeria densa (Elodea)
Spanish heath	Erica lusitanica
Spikeweed	Hemizonia pungens
Spiny cocklebur	Xanthium spinosum
Spurge laurel	Daphne laureola
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Leafy* (T)	Euphorbia esula
Myrtle	Euphorbia myrsinites
St. Johnswort*	Hypericum perforatum
Sulfur cinquefoil	Potentilla recta
Swainsonpea	Sphaerophysa salsula
Tansy ragwort* (T)	Senecio jacobaea (Jacobaea vulgaris)
Thistle	
Bull*	Cirsium vulgare
Canada*	Cirsium arvense
Italian*	Carduus pycnocephalus
Milk*	Silybum marianum
Musk*	Carduus nutans
Scotch	Onopordum acanthium
Slender-flowered*	Carduus tenuiflorus
Toadflax	
Dalmatian* (T)	Linaria dalmatica
Yellow*	Linaria vulgaris
Tree of heaven	Ailanthus altissima

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Velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti
Ventenata grass	Ventenata dubia
Whitetop	
Hairy	Lepidium pubescens
Lens-podded	Lepidium chalepensis
Whitetop (hoary cress)*	Lepidium draba
Yellow archangel	Lamiastrum galeobdolon
Yellow flag iris	Iris pseudacorus
Yellow nutsedge	Cyperus esculentus
Yellow starthistle*	Centaurea solstitialis

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