"B" Rated Weeds

A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but may have limited distribution in some counties

Perennial pepperweed Lepidium latifolium **Other common names:** Tall white top, perennial peppercress, ironweed, perennial peppergrass, broad-

USDA symbol: LELA2 **ODA rating:** B and T

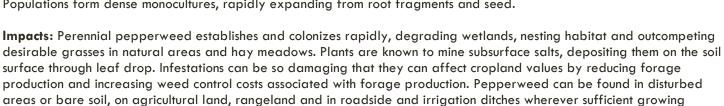


Introduction: Native to southern Europe and western Asia, perennial pepperweed is now widely distributed in the U.S. Introduction is thought to have originated in contaminated sugar beet seed in the 1930s. Perpperweed readily invades moist saline soils, either in eastern Oregon or in salt marshes along the west coast. It forms dense canopies competing with native grasses.

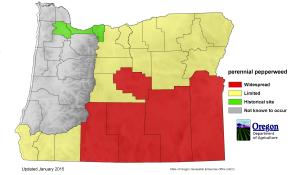
Distribution in Oregon: Perennial pepperweed is widespread in eastern Oregon with occasional small outbreaks in the western half of the state.

Description: Perennial pepperweed is an erect, semi-woody perennial forb growing from one to six feet tall. Basal leaves are larger than upper leaves, lance shaped, bright green to gray green, entire to toothed.

Flowers are white, very small, and form dense clusters near the ends of branches. They produce a distinctive odor. Populations form dense monocultures, rapidly expanding from root fragments and seed.



Biological controls: No approved biological control agents are available at this time.





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