

Projects

Noxious Weeds

Early detection and a fast treatment program can save landowners a lot of time and money. Montana state law requires land owners to control noxious weeds on their property.

What are noxious weeds? Any exotic plant species established or that may be introduced in the state that may render land unfit for agriculture, forestry, livestock, wildlife or other beneficial uses or that may harm native plant communities and that is designated by the Montana Department of Agriculture or by the local county weed district. Some negative effects of weeds include: loss of wildlife habitat, reduce livestock grazing capacity, increased soil erosion, and reduced cropland production.

What weed species are declared as noxious weeds?

The State of Montana has classified noxious weeds into four (4) categories

- **Category 1**

These noxious weeds are currently established and generally widespread:

Canada Thistle	Field Bindweed	Hoary Cress
Russian Knapweed	Spotted Knapweed	Diffuse Knapweed
Dalmatian Toadflax	St. Johnswort	Sulfur Cinquefoil
Hounds Tongue	Yellow Toadflax	Leafy Spurge
Oxeye Daisy	Hoary Alyssum	

- **Category 2**

Rush Skeletonweed	Purple Loosestrife	Tansy Ragwort
Orange Hawkweed	Tall Buttercup	Tamaris (saltceder)
Blueweed	Yellow flag iris	Perennial Pepperweed

- **Category 3**

These noxious weeds have been detected and generally only localize infestations:

Yellow Starthistle	Purple Loosestrife	Eurasian Watermilfoil
Dyers Woad	Flowing Rush	Japanese Knotweed Complex

- **Category 4**

This weed is an invasive plant and may cause significant impacts if it becomes established:

Scotch Broom



Spotted
Knapweed

To identify these noxious weeds, go to the following web site:

www.mtweed.org/identifyingWeeds.html

Helpful Web Sites

Tips for Fighting Weeds on Small Acreages in Montana can be found at: <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/publications/default.asp>

Identification and Training opportunities can be found at: www.weedawareness.org/weed_id.html