

Noxious weeds are non-native plants introduced to Washington through human actions. Because of their aggressive growth and lack of natural enemies in the state, these species can be highly destructive, competitive or difficult to control. These exotic species can reduce crop yields, destroy native plant and animal habitat, damage recreational opportunities, clog waterways, lower land values and poison humans and livestock.

**What You can do:**

- ⇒ Use weed-free seed, forage, compost and soil.
- ⇒ Select native or non-invasive ornamentals and garden plants.
- ⇒ Learn to recognize noxious weeds. If you find an infested area or a suspect plant, contact the SJC Noxious Weed Program staff.
- ⇒ Eliminate weeds before they spread.
- ⇒ Organize or join neighborhood efforts to control noxious weeds on public and private lands in your area.
- ⇒ Do not share aggressive plants.
- ⇒ Never empty aquaria into any body of water.
- ⇒ Clean any plant fragments from your boat or boat trailer.
- ⇒ Wash mowers and other equipment before moving from a weed infested site to a clean site.
- ⇒ Check and clean your boots, clothing and pets to make sure you are not transporting seeds or other plant parts.
- ⇒ Securely bag all weeds. Cover loads when transporting hay or other plant materials.

***PREVENTION IS THE BEST  
METHOD OF WEED CONTROL***

**To find out more about noxious weeds and weed control in San Juan County, or to obtain a copy of the State Weed List contact:**

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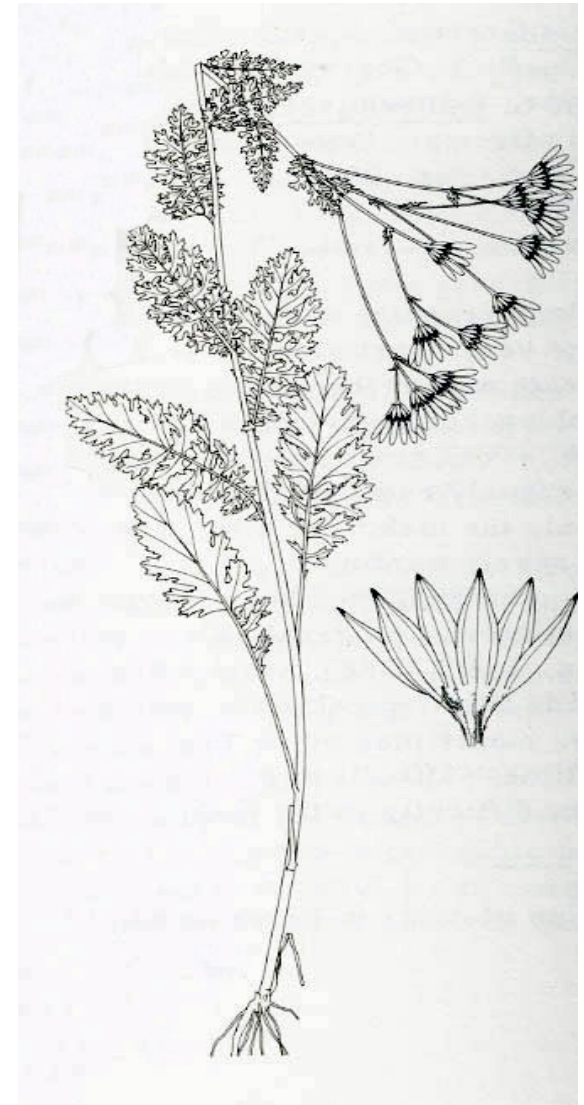
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# San Juan County Noxious Weed List 2009



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**Tansy Ragwort**

The State Weed Board has adopted a list of 146 species of legally mandated noxious weed taxa. 58 of these have been found in San Juan County. Of these, eradication is required for nine, control is required for 25, and advised for 24. An additional seven species have been designated “of special concern” to the county. The entire State Noxious Weed List is available from the County Weed Control Program

### Class A Noxious Weeds

#### Eradication of Class A weeds is required by law

These species are found in only small, limited populations within the county. If you find any of these plants, please notify the County Weed Control Program.

Bighead knapweed	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
Buffalo bur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
Eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>
Floating primrose willow	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
Giant hogweed*	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
Milk thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
Spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
Velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
Common cordgrass	<i>Spartina anglica</i>

\*special care is needed because of plant's toxicity.

### Class B and C Noxious Weeds

Control of these selected Class B and C weeds is required by law in San Juan County

Control means preventing the spread of the individual species by blocking reproduction, whether by seed or by vegetative spread from rhizomes or other plant fragments.

Diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
Meadow knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea x nigra</i>
Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
English ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica'
	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Pittsburgh'
	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Star'
Atlantic (Irish) ivy	<i>Hedera hibernica hibernica</i>

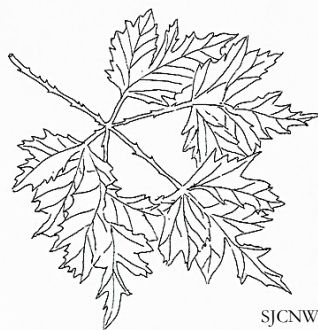
Lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>
Garden loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis arvensis</i>
Policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
Scotch (Scot's) broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
Sulfur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
Tansy ragwort*	<i>Senecio jacobaeae</i>
Wand loosestrife	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>
Water primrose	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
Poison hemlock*	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
Spurge laurel*	<i>Daphne laureola</i>
Common fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>
	(except Florence fennel, <i>F. v. azoricum</i> )
Parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
Common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
Scotch thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>

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Himalayan blackberry



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Evergreen blackberry

### Class B and C Noxious Weeds

Removal or containment of these Class B and C weeds is strongly recommended in San Juan County

Bohemian knotweed	<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i>
Japanese knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
Giant knotweed	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>
Common catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>
Herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
Orange hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
Bull thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Butterfly bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>
Field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
Myrtle spurge	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
Old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
Reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
St. John's wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
Yellow toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>
Common groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>
Yellow archangel	<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>
Fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
Scentless mayweed	<i>Matricaria perforata</i>
Evergreen blackberry	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
Himalayan blackberry	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>

### Weeds of Special Concern in San Juan County

These unregulated weed species, though not listed by the state, are known to impact and degrade native plant and animal habitat, agricultural lands and open space. At the minimum, containment is urged to limit their further encroachment on to public and private land. Removal is preferred.

Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>
English hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
English holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Hybrid lupine	<i>Lupinus x polyphyllus</i>
Bur chervil	<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>
Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana, C. jubata</i>
English (Cherry) laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
Italian arum	<i>Arum italicum</i>