

Have you seen this invasive plant?

Hoary Alyssum is an invasive plant that rapidly spreads in pastures and is toxic to livestock.

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Plants are annuals, biennials or short-lived perennials growing 1-3.5 feet tall. Hoary alyssum is covered in small hairs that give it a silver-gray color.



Leaves at base of plants are oblong in shape, being wider toward the tips. Stem leaves are alternately arranged and decrease in size up the stem.



Flower clusters bloom from the bottom up. Each flower is on a short stalk and has 4 petals with a deep cleft down the middle, giving the appearance of 8 petals.



Seeds are in semi-inflated pods. Pods are rounded and 1/4 inch long.



Why is hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*) a noxious weed?

- Hoary alyssum invades pastures and outcompetes native and forage plants.
- It is toxic to livestock as fresh or dried plants and can potentially cause death in horses.

Where do you find hoary alyssum?

- It is adapted to dry conditions and is found in open disturbed areas, pastures and meadows.
- It can be found in both eastern and western Washington but is particularly problematic in the northeast part of the state.

What can you do?

- Hoary alyssum is a Class B noxious weed in Washington and is designated for control in many parts of the state.
- Do not produce hay from fields containing hoary alyssum.
- Healthy pastures can help prevent establishment and spread of this plant. Check with your county noxious weed board for management recommendations.
- Report sightings to your county noxious weed control board or to noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov.

