

Class A Weeds: Non-native species whose distribution in Washington is still limited. Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations are the highest priority. **Eradication of all Class A plants is required by law.**

Class B Weeds: Non-native species presently limited to portions of the State. Species are **designated** for required control in regions where they are not yet widespread. Preventing new infestations in these areas is a high priority. In regions where a Class B species is already abundant, control is decided at the local level, with containment as the primary goal. Please contact your County Noxious Weed Control Board to learn which species are designated for control in your area.

Class C Weeds: Noxious weeds that are typically widespread in WA or are of special interest to the state's agricultural industry. The Class C status allows county weed boards to require control if locally desired, or they may choose to provide education or technical consultation.

Class A Weeds
Eradication is required

<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard
<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	Palmer amaranth
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	false brome
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	flowering rush
<i>Carduus cinereus</i>	thistle, Turkish
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	thistle, Italian
<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	thistle, slenderflower
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	round leaf bittersweet
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	purple starthistle
<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	knapweed, bighead
<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	knapweed, Vochin
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	thistle, marsh
<i>Clematis orientalis</i>	oriental clematis
<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	common crupina
<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	eggleaf spurge
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	goatsrue
<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	French broom
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	reed sweetgrass
<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>	Texas blueweed
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	giant hogweed
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	hydrilla
<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>	small-flowered jewelweed
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	dyer's woad
<i>Limnobium laevigatum</i>	South American spongeplant

<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	floating primrose-willow
<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>	wild four-o'clock
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> and <i>M. heterophyllum</i> x <i>M. hippuroides</i>	variable-leaf milfoil and hybrid
<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>	kudzu
<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>	sage, Mediterranean
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	meadow clary
<i>Salvia sclarea</i>	sage, clary
<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>	ricefield bulrush
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	thistle, milk
<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	silverleaf nightshade
<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Johnsongrass
<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	cordgrass, smooth
<i>Spartina anglica</i>	cordgrass, common
<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	cordgrass, dense-flowered
<i>Spartina patens</i>	cordgrass, saltmeadow
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish broom
<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	Syrian beancaper

Class B Weeds

<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>	velvetleaf
<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	camelthorn
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	indigobush
<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	bugloss, common
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	wild chervil
<i>Bassia scoparia</i>	kochia
<i>Berteroa incana</i>	hoary alyssum
<i>Bryonia alba</i>	white bryony
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	butterfly bush
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	fanwort
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	thistle, plumeless
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	thistle, musk
<i>Carex pendula</i> , <i>Carex pendula</i> subsp. <i>pendula</i> and <i>Carex pendula</i> subsp. <i>agastachys</i>	hanging sedge
<i>Centaurea</i> x <i>gerstlaueri</i>	knapweed, meadow
<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	knapweed, diffuse
<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	knapweed, brown
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	Malta starthistle
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	knapweed, black
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellow starthistle
<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	knapweed, spotted
<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	rough chervil

<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	rush skeletonweed
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	wild basil
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	houndstongue
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	yellow nutsedge
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	spurge laurel
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	blueweed
<i>Egeria densa</i>	Brazilian elodea
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	hairy willowherb
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	spurge, myrtle
<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>	spurge, leafy
<i>Fallopia</i> x <i>bohemica</i>	knotweed, Bohemian
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	knotweed, Japanese
<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	knotweed, giant
<i>Ficaria verna</i>	lesser celandine
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> except <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i>)	common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	shiny geranium
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	herb-Robert
<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	hawkweed, orange
<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Hieracium</i>	hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the wall subgenus
<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>	hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	policeman's helmet
<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	tansy ragwort
<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	yellow archangel
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	perennial pepperweed
<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>	Dalmatian toadflax
<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>	water primrose
<i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>	bugloss, annual
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	loosestrife, garden
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	loosestrife, purple
<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>	loosestrife, wand
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	parrotfeather
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	yellow floatingheart
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	thistle, Scotch
<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	knotweed, Himalayan
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	common reed (nonnative genotypes only)
<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	hawkweed oxtongue

<i>Potentilla recta</i>	sulfur cinquefoil
<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	knapweed, Russian
<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	grass-leaved arrowhead
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	saltcedar
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	common tansy
<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>	spurge flax
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncturevine
<i>Tripidium ravennae</i>	Ravenna grass
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	European coltsfoot
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	gorse

Class C Weeds

<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	jointed goatgrass
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree-of-heaven
<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>	blackgrass
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> , <i>A. breviligulata</i> , and <i>A. arenaria</i> x <i>A. breviligulata</i>	Beach grasses, European, American, and hybrid
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	absinth wormwood
<i>Arum italicum</i>	Italian arum
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	common barberry
<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>	longspine sandbur
<i>Centromadia pungens</i>	spikeweed
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	thistle, Canada
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	thistle, bull
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	old man's beard
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	jubata grass
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas grass
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	English hawthorn
<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>	smoothseed alfalfa dodder
<i>Daucus carota</i>	wild carrot (except where commercially grown)
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	common teasel
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Russian olive
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	babysbreath
<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star', and <i>H. hibernica</i> 'Hibernica'	English ivy - four cultivars only
<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	black henbane
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	common St. Johnswort
<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	common catsear
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	spotted jewelweed
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow flag iris
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Common holly, except where commercially grown
<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>	hairy whitetop

<i>Lepidium draba</i>	hoary cress
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	oxeye daisy
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	yellow toadflax
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid
<i>Nanozostera japonica</i>	Japanese eelgrass
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	fragrant waterlily
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	green alkanet
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	curlyleaf pondweed
<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>	Austrian fieldcress
<i>Rubus bifrons</i> (<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>)	Himalayan blackberry
<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	evergreen blackberry
<i>Secale cereale</i>	cereal rye
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	common groundsel
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	white cockle
<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	buffalobur
<i>Soliva sessilis</i>	lawnweed
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	perennial sowthistle
<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>	Swainsonpea
<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	medusahead
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	scentless mayweed
<i>Typha</i> species	nonnative cattail species and hybrids (reminder, does not include the native common cattail, <i>Typha latifolia</i>)
<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	ventenata
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	spiny cocklebur

To learn more about noxious weeds and noxious weed control in Washington State, please contact:

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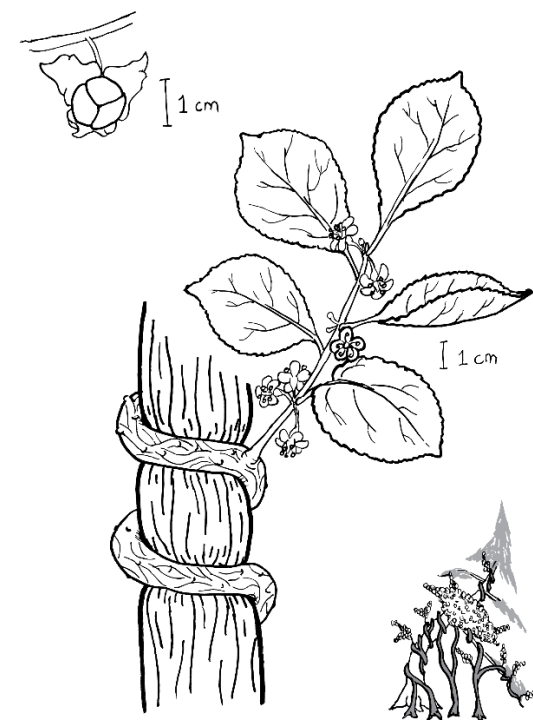
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Your County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Washington State Noxious Weed List



Round leaf bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus*, is a class A weed which can strangle trees and deeply infest forests.

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List arranged alphabetically by:

SCIENTIFIC NAME

