

**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**

common crupina	Crupina vulgaris
cordgrass, common	Spartina anglica
cordgrass, dense-flowered	Spartina densiflora
cordgrass, saltmeadow	Spartina patens
cordgrass, smooth	Spartina alterniflora
delta arrowhead	Sagittaria platyphylla
dyer's woad	Isatis tinctoria
eggleaf spurge	Euphorbia oblongata
false brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum
floating primrose-willow	Ludwigia peploides
flowering rush	Butomus umbellatus
French broom	Genista monspessulana
garlic mustard	Alliaria petiolata

giant hogweed	Heracleum mantegazzianum
goatsrue	Galega officinalis
hydrilla	Hydrilla verticillata
Johnsongrass	Sorghum halepense
knapweed, bighead	Centaurea macrocephala
knapweed, Vochin	Centaurea nigrescens
kudzu	Pueraria montana var. lobata
meadow clary	Salvia pratensis
oriental clematis	Clematis orientalis
Palmer amaranth	Amaranthus palmeri
purple starthistle	Centaurea calcitrapa
reed sweetgrass	Glyceria maxima
ricefield bulrush	Schoenoplectus mucronatus
round leaf bittersweet	Celastrus orbiculatus
sage, clary	Salvia sclarea
sage, Mediterranean	Salvia aethiopis
silverleaf nightshade	Solanum elaeagnifolium
small-flowered jewelweed	Impatiens parviflora
South American spongeplant	Limnobium laevigatum
Spanish broom	Spartium junceum
sunflower broomrape	Orobanche cumana
Syrian beancaper	Zygophyllum fabago
Texas blueweed	Helianthus ciliaris
thistle, Italian	Carduus pycnocephalus
thistle, marsh	Cirsium palustre
thistle, milk	Silybum marianum
thistle, slenderflower	Carduus tenuiflorus
thistle, Turkish	Carduus cinereus
variable-leaf milfoil & hybrid	Myriophyllum heterophyllum, Myriophyllum heterophyllum x

	Myriophyllum hippuroides
waterhemp	Amaranthus tuberculatus
wild four-o'clock	Mirabilis nyctaginea

**Class B Weeds**

blueweed	Echium vulgare
Brazilian elodea	Egeria densa
bugloss, annual	Lycopsis arvensis
bugloss, common	Anchusa officinalis
butterfly bush	Buddleja davidii
camelthorn	Alhagi maurorum
common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)	Foeniculum vulgare except F. vulgare var. azoricum)
common reed (nonnative genotypes only)	Phragmites australis
common tansy	Tanacetum vulgare
Dalmatian toadflax	Linaria dalmatica ssp. dalmatica
Eurasian watermilfoil	Myriophyllum spicatum
European coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara
fanwort	Cabomba caroliniana
gorse	Ulex europaeus
grass-leaved arrowhead	Sagittaria graminea
hairy willowherb	Epilobium hirsutum
hanging sedge	Carex pendula, Carex pendula subsp. pendula and Carex pendula subsp. agastachys
hawkweed oxtongue	Picris hieracioides
hawkweed, orange	Hieracium aurantiacum
hawkweeds: All nonnative species & hybrids of the meadow subgenus	Hieracium, subgenus Pilosella
hawkweeds: All nonnative species & hybrids of the wall subgenus	Hieracium, subgenus Hieracium

herb-Robert	Geranium robertianum
hoary alyssum	Berteroa incana
houndstongue	Cynoglossum officinale
indigobush	Amorpha fruticosa
knapweed, black	Centaurea nigra
knapweed, brown	Centaurea jacea
knapweed, diffuse	Centaurea diffusa
knapweed, meadow	Centaurea x gerstlaueri
knapweed, Russian	Rhaponticum repens
knapweed, spotted	Centaurea stoebe
knotweed, Bohemian	Fallopia x bohemica
knotweed, giant	Fallopia sachalinensis
knotweed, Himalayan	Persicaria wallichii
knotweed, Japanese	Fallopia japonica
kochia	Bassia scoparia
lesser celandine	Ficaria verna
loosestrife, garden	Lysimachia vulgaris
loosestrife, purple	Lythrum salicaria
loosestrife, wand	Lythrum virgatum
Malta starthistle	Centaurea melitensis
parrotfeather	Myriophyllum aquaticum
perennial pepperweed	Lepidium latifolium
poison hemlock	Conium maculatum
policeman's helmet	Impatiens glandulifera
puncturevine	Tribulus terrestris
Ravenna grass	Tripidium ravennae
rough chervil	Chaerophyllum temulum
rush skeletonweed	Chondrilla juncea
saltcedar	Tamarix ramosissima
Scotch broom	Cytisus scoparius
shiny geranium	Geranium lucidum
spurge flax	Thymelaea passerina
spurge laurel	Daphne laureola
spurge, leafy	Euphorbia virgata
spurge, myrtle	Euphorbia myrsinites
sulfur cinquefoil	Potentilla recta
tansy ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris
thistle, musk	Carduus nutans
thistle, plumeless	Carduus acanthoides

thistle, Scotch	Onopordum acanthium
velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti
water primrose	Ludwigia hexapetala
white bryony	Bryonia alba
wild basil	Clinopodium vulgare
wild chervil	Anthriscus sylvestris
yellow archangel	Lamiaeum galeobdolon
yellow floating heart	Nymphoides peltata
yellow nutsedge	Cyperus esculentus
yellow starthistle	Centaurea solstitialis

**Class C Weeds**

absinth wormwood	Artemisia absinthium
Austrian fieldcress	Rorippa austriaca
babysbreath	Gypsophila paniculata
beach grasses, European, American, and hybrid	Ammophila arenaria, Ammophila breviligulata, and Ammophila arenaria x Ammophila breviligulata
black henbane	Hyoscyamus niger
blackgrass	Alopecurus myosuroides
black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia
buffalobur	Solanum rostratum
cereal rye	Secale cereale
common barberry	Berberis vulgaris
common catsear	Hypochaeris radicata
common groundsel	Senecio vulgaris
common holly, except where commercially grown	Ilex aquifolium
common St. Johnswort	Hypericum perforatum
common teasel	Dipsacus fullonum
curlyleaf pondweed	Potamogeton crispus
English hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna
English ivy - four cultivars only	Hedera helix 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star', and H. hibernica 'Hibernica'

Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid	Myriophyllum spicatum x Myriophyllum sibiricum
evergreen blackberry	Rubus laciniatus
field bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis
fragrant waterlily	Nymphaea odorata
green alkanet	Pentaglottis sempervirens
hairy whitetop	Lepidium appelianum
Himalayan blackberry	Rubus bifrons (Rubus armeniacus)
hoary cress	Lepidium draba
Italian arum	Arum italicum
Japanese eelgrass	Nanozostera japonica
jubata grass	Cortaderia jubata
jointed goatgrass	Aegilops cylindrica
lawnweed	Soliva sessilis
longspine sandbur	Cenchrus longispinus
medusahead	Taeniatherum caput-medusae
nonnative cattail species & hybrids (reminder, does not include the native common cattail, Typha latifolia)	Typha species
Norway maple	Acer platanoides
old man's beard	Clematis vitalba
oxeye daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare
Pampas grass	Cortaderia seloana
perennial sowthistle	Sonchus arvensis
reed canarygrass	Phalaris arundinacea
Russian olive	Elaeagnus angustifolia
scentless mayweed	Tripleurospermum inodorum
smoothseed alfalfa	Cuscuta approximata
dodder	Centromadia pungens
spikeweed	Xanthium spinosum
spiny cocklebur	Xanthium spinosum
spotted jewelweed	Impatiens capensis
Swainsonpea	Sphaerophysa salsula
thistle, bull	Cirsium vulgare
thistle, Canada	Cirsium arvense

tree-of-heaven	Ailanthus altissima
ventenata	Ventenata dubia
white cockle	Silene latifolia
wild carrot (except where commercially grown)	Daucus carota
yellow flag iris	Iris pseudacorus
yellow toadflax	Linaria vulgaris

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

**WA State Noxious Weed Control Board**

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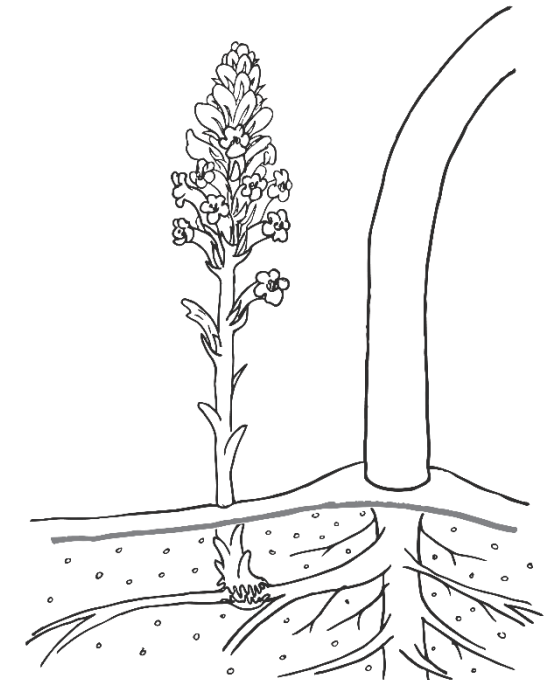
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Or

**Your County Noxious Weed Control Board**

**Please help protect Washington's economy and environment from noxious weeds!**

# 2026 Washington State Noxious Weed List



Sunflower broomrape, *Orobancha cumana*, is a parasitic plant that can kill, or greatly harm, sunflowers, tomatoes, tobacco, potatoes, sage, and potentially native sunflowers.

Illustration by Anne Schuster

**List arranged alphabetically by:  
COMMON NAME**

