

# Have you seen this invasive plant?

[Oriental clematis](#) is a deciduous vine that forms blankets of dense growth over existing plants.

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Flowers are **solitary** or in clusters of 3 or more. Flowers have 4 yellow petal-like sepals that are 3/4 inch long.

Round clusters of hairy seeds remain on the plants for many months.



Leaves are arranged opposite each other on stems and divided into 3-7 leaflets.

Infestations form a dense canopy over trees and other plants. It is currently found spreading in Eastern Washington.



## Why is oriental clematis (*Clematis orientalis*) a noxious weed?

- It is a noted invasive vine in the intermountain west, and several infestations have recently been detected in Yakima County.
- Oriental clematis rapidly forms patches of dense growth that can smother native plants.

## Where do you find oriental clematis?

- This clematis species is sometimes grown as a garden ornamental.
- It grows in a variety of habitats, including shrublands, riverbanks, streambanks, riparian areas, ditches, roadsides, rocky slopes, desert and semi-desert areas.

## What can you do?

- Learn to identify this invasive plant.
- Purchase non-invasive clematis species for your gardens.
- Contact your county weed board to learn how to remove it from your property.
- Report any sightings to your county noxious weed control board or to [noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov](mailto:noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov).

