

# Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board

## Philosophy and Weed Control Policy

The Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board (BCNWCB) was activated in 1991 pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 17010. The Weed Board is funded by the residents of Benton County at a rate of \$5.00 per parcel and \$0.005 per acre.

## Philosophy

The Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board shall promote weed control by instituting a program which emphasizes education as a means to assist landowners in the identification of noxious weed and implementation of appropriate management practices necessary to control or prevent the spread of designated plants on the Benton County Noxious Weed List.

The Board will provide trained field staff to assist the land owners. The Field staff are regulatory inspectors and if needed, will require control of weeds on the control list. The weed board will promote weed control through public seminars, newsletters, displays and regularly scheduled board meetings. Landowners are responsible for the control of noxious weeds on their property.

## Weed Control Policy

The policy of the Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board is to work with growers, land owners, local and state agencies to identify noxious weed populations and to develop plans for noxious weed control.

It is Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board's primary objective to educate and encourage landowners to control noxious weeds voluntarily. When BCNWCB staff identifies a weed that is listed on the Noxious Weed Control List they will send the landowner a letter identifying the weed(s), their location, control alternatives and timeline for successful control. If a landowner or entity does not comply with a notice of control the weed board will not hesitate to take enforcement action. Washington State RCW 16.750 allows monetary penalties to be assessed per parcel, per noxious weed species, day after expiration of the notice to control.

With the exception of the test plots it is not the job BCNWCB staff to remove or control noxious weeds from private or public lands. Staff's primary job is to identify and educate landowners and entities on the proper control of noxious weeds. There may be limited cases when the Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board will enter into an MOU with a local or state entity to control listed noxious weed species on a cost reimbursement basis.



**Native Plants:** Benton County is home to many native plants. The BCNWCB works toward protecting and reestablishing native landscapes. We work with land owners to determine the best practices to help remove noxious weeds, and encourage desirable plants to return to previously infested areas. With an abundance of noxious weeds, plants like the Mariposa Lilly (Top Left) Bonneville Shooting Star (Top Right) and Prickly Pare Cactus (Bottom) are out competed and may not return.



## 2020 Benton County Noxious Weed List



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**Class A Weeds:** Non-native species whose distribution in Washington is still limited. Preventing new infestations and eradication is required by law.

flowering rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>
common crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>
cordgrass, common	<i>Spartina anglica</i>
cordgrass, dense-flowered	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>
cordgrass, saltmeadow	<i>Spartina patens</i>
cordgrass, smooth	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>
dyer's woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>
eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>
false-brome	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>
floating primrose-willow	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
French broom	<i>Genista monspessulan</i>
garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>
hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
knapweed, bighead	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
knapweed, Vochin	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>
meadow clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>
oriental clematis	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>
purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
reed sweetgrass	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>
ricefield bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>
sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>
silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
south American sponge-plant	<i>Limnbiium laevigatum</i>
spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
spurge flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
syrian beancaper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
tyexas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
variable-leaf milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
wild four-o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>

**Class B Weeds:** Non-native species presently limited to portions of the State. Species are designated for control in regions where they are not yet wide spread. Preventing new infestations in these areas is a high priority.

**Class B Weeds Found in Benton County**

camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>
common reed (nonnative genotypes)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp.
eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
hairy willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
Houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
indigobush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
knapweed, diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
knapweed, Russian	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>
knapweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
knotweed, Bohemian	<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i>
knotweed, Japanese	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
kochia	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>
loosestrife, purple	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
poison-hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
ravenna grass	<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>
rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
spurge, myrtle	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
thistle, musk	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
thistle, Scotch	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
white bryony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>
yellow nutsedge	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>
yellow starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>

**Class B Weeds**

blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
brazilian elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>
bugloss, annual	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>
bugloss, common	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>
butterflybush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
common fennel (except bulbing fennel)	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (except <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i> )
European coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>
fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
grass-leaved arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
hawkweed, orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
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herb-Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
hoary alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>
knapweed, black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
knapweed, brown	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
knapweed, meadow	<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i>
knotweed, giant	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>
knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>
lesser celandine	<i>Ficaria verna</i>
loosestrife, garden	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
loosestrife, wand	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>
malta starthistle	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Scotch broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
spurge flax	<i>Tymelaea passerina</i>
shiny geranium	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
spurge laurel	<i>Daphne laureola</i>
spurge, leafy	<i>Euphorbia Euphorbia</i>
sulfur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
tansy ragwort	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>
thistle, plumeless	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
water primrose	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
wild chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
yellow archangel	<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>
yellow floatingheart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>

**Class C Weeds:** Are selected by the County Board of Directors. These weeds which are already widespread in WA or are of special interest to the state's agricultural industry.

babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
cereal rye	<i>Secale cereale</i>
common St. johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Common Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>
field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
fragrant waterlily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
hairy whitetop	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>
hoary cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i>
jointed goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>
longspine sandbur	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>
Medusahead	<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>
pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
smoothseed alfalfa dodder	<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>
spikeweed	<i>Hemizonia pungens</i>
spiny cocklebur	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>
Swansonpea	<i>Spherophysa salsula</i>
thistle, bull	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
thistle, Canada	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
yellowflag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>

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**Controlling Noxious  
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