Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board

Mission Statement

The Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board strives to serve as responsible stewards by supporting the protection of Franklin County's natural resources and the preservation of its rich agricultural heritage from the degrading impacts of noxious weeds.

Philosophy

We help landowners, land users and managers, government entities, and the local community comply with the state of Washington's weed law (RCW 17.10).

We accomplish our mission by:

- Executing a program emphasizing education in the identification and control of noxious weeds, and encouraging the control of priority species.
- Providing a trained staff of regulatory inspectors to survey for noxious weeds and work with landowners to formulate reasonable weed control plans compatible with our goals and, when necessary, to require controls.

Controlling noxious weeds is the landowner's responsibility.

Philosophy Continued

- Maintaining a presence in the community by participating in local events, publishing an educational website and printed materials, and conducting regularly scheduled public board meetings.
- Offering technical assistance to encourage stewardship of natural resources by educating the community on the principles of integrated weed management.

The Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board's complete Philosophy and Policy Statements are posted online at *fcweedboard.com/board-of-directors*.

Noxious Weed Classifications.

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

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 widespread. Preventing new infestations in these areas is a high priority. An * indicates a B-designate weed.

Class C Weeds are species that are already widespread in Washington or are of special interest to the state's agricultural industry. Long-term programs of suppression and control are decided at the local level.

OUR WEEDS OF FOCUS

Below is a list of noxious weeds we are actively working on or monitoring to prevent further spread: Note that Kochia is a weed in transition.

*Weed in transition: Kochia is a noxious weed that is intensely managed in portions of Franklin County and selected for increased management efforts in future years countywide.

babysbreath	puncturevine
camelthorn	Ravenna grass
Cereal rye	rush skeletonweed
common reed (nonnative geno- types)	saltcedar
Dalmatian toadflax	spikeweed
hoary cress	thistle, Canada
houndstongue	thistle, Scotch
jointed goatgrass	tree-of-heaven
knapweed, diffuse	velvetleaf
knapweed, spotted	white bryony
*kochia	yellow flag iris
longspine sandbur	yellow nutsedge
loosestrife, purple	yellow starthistle
poison hemlock	

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Franklin County 2023 Noxious Weed List





Scotch thistle is a Class B noxious weed in Franklin County and a serious problem in rangeland. Single plants can be dug by hand but be sure to destroy the entire root. Large infestations will require herbicide to achieve control.



Dense stands of this spiny plant reduce forage production, prohibiting land utilization for grazing or recreation.

2022 Noxious Weed List

This list is for informational use. It is intended to make people aware of noxious weeds found in Franklin County and recent additions but does not include all of the noxious weeds on the county's list. The complete noxious weed list is available on our website at *fcweedboard.com*

Class A Weed

Butomus umbellatus

Flowering rush is an emergent aquatic perennial that grows in freshwater habitats. It roots in mud and grows in shallow waters of lakes and slow moving rivers.

Class B Weeds / *B-Designate Weeds

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*camelthorn	Alhagi maurorum
common reed (nonnative)	Phragmites australis
*Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. dalmatica
Eurasian watermilfoil	Myriophyllum spicatum
hairy willowherb	Epilobium hirsutum
*hanging sedge	Carex pendula, C pendula subsp. Pendula and C pendula subsp. agastachys
*houndstongue	Cynoglossum officinale
indigobush	Amorpha fruticosa

Class B Weeds / *B-Designate Weeds

knapweed, diffuse	Centaurea diffusa
knapweed, Rus- sian	Rhaponticum repens
*knapweed, spot- ted	Centaurea stoebe
*kochia (weed in transition)	Bassia scoparia
loosestrife, purple	Lythrum salicaria
perennial pepper- weed	Lepidium latifolium
poison-hemlock	Conium maculatum
puncturevine	Tribulus terrestris
*Ravenna grass	Tripidium ravennae
*rough chervil	Chaerophyllum temulum
rush skeleton- weed	Chondrilla juncea
*saltcedar	Tamarix ramosissima
*spurge, myrtle	Euphorbia myrsinites
*thistle, musk	Carduus nutans
thistle, Scotch	Onopordum acanthi- um
*velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti
white bryony	Bryonia alba
*wild basil	Clinopodium vul- gare
yellow nutsedge	Cyperus esculentus
yellow starthistle	Centaurea solstitialis

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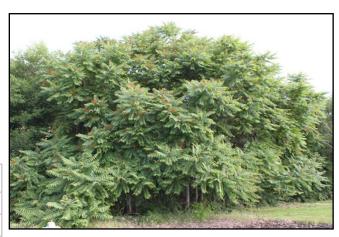
Kochia is a Class B Noxious Weed that spreads by seed. Kochia can be controlled in 3 years with a sustained effort of not allowing the plant to go to seed.

Class C Weeds

babysbreath	Gypsophila paniculata
buffalobur	Solanum rostratum
cereal rye	Secale cereale
common St. Johnswort	Hypericum perforatum
field bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis
hairy whitetop	Lepidium appelianum
hoary cress	Lepidium draba
jointed goatgrass	Aegilops cylindrica
longspine sandbur	Cenchrus longispinus

Class C Weeds

Medusahead	Taeniatherum caput- medusae
reed canarygrass	Phalaris arundinacea
smoothseed alfalfa dodder	Cuscuta approximata
spikeweed	Centromadia pungens
thistle, bull	Cirsium vulgare
thistle, Canada	Cirsium arvense
tree-of-heaven	Ailanthus altissima
yellowflag iris	Iris pseudacorus



Tree-of-Heaven is a Class C Noxious Weed in Franklin County and on Washington's quarantine list. It's distribution is prohibited into and within the state.

The roots of tree-of-heaven will uplift concrete, retaining walls and building foundations. The extensive root system must be targeted to achieve control.