

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.

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.

Washington State 2026 Adopted Weeds

Class A

Waterhemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*)

Delta Arrowhead (*Sagittaria platyphylla*)

Sunflower Broomrape (*Orobanche cumana*)

Class C

Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)

Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)

What is the difference between Eradication and Control?

"Eradicate" means to eliminate a noxious weed within an area of infestation. (WAC 16-750003(2c))

"Control" of noxious weeds means to prevent all seed production and to prevent the dispersal of all propagative parts capable of forming new plants. (WAC 16-750.003(2a))

Eradicate means to destroy all the plants in an infestation: leaves, roots, shoots, flowers - the whole shebang. Gone. Kaput.

Control means that the noxious weeds in an infestation have been treated such that the plants are unable to produce any seeds and are unable to disperse any other propagating parts (turions, rhizome or stem fragments that could resprout, bulbs, bulbets, bulbils, etc.).



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

In urban areas the tree's roots can uplift concrete and damage infrastructure. Cutting and mowing are not effective control methods as the tree responds by producing stump sprouts and root suckers. The extensive root system must be targeted with a systemic herbicide over multiple years for complete control.

The Spotted Lanternfly, an insect that poses a severe threat to the state's agriculture, prefers tree-of-heaven for nesting. This pesky insect has been found in the eastern U.S. and there is concern Spotted Lanternfly could be introduced into WA.

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.

*Kochia	Rush Skeletonweed
Saltcedar	Dalmatian Toadflax
Velvetleaf	Jointed Goatgrass
Cereal rye	Knapweed, Diffuse
Camelthorn	Knapweed, Spotted
Babysbreath	Loosestrife, Purple
Spikeweed	Puncturevine
Hoary Cress	Ravenna Grass
Poison Hemlock	Thistle, Canada
Houndstongue	Thistle, Scotch
Tree-of-Heaven	Longspine Sandbur
White Bryony	Yellow Nutsedge
Yellow Flag Iris	Yellow Starthistle

Common Reed (nonnative genotypes)



Palmer amaranth is a Class A noxious weed in Franklin County and a serious concern for farmers. It is an annual broad-leaf plant, in the pigweed family, native only to the south-west U.S.

Populations have developed resistance to many herbicides, including glyphosate, making it difficult and very expensive to control.



Franklin County 2026 Noxious Weed List

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Class A Weed –Eradication Required

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Broom, French	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>
Broom, Spanish	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
Common Crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>
Cordgrass, Common	<i>Spartina anglica</i>
Cordgrass, Dense-Flowered	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>
Cordgrass, Salt Meadow	<i>Spartina patens</i>
Cordgrass, Smooth	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>
Delta Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria ptyphylla</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>
Flowering Rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</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 var. lobata</i>
Meadow Clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>
Oriental Clematis	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>
Palmer Amaranth	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>
Purple Starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
Reed Sweetgrass	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>
Ricefield Bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>
Roundleaf Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
Sage, Clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
Sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
Silverleaf Nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
Small-Flowered Jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
South American Spongeplant	<i>Limnobium lavigatum</i>
Syrian Bean-Caper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
Texas Bluewood	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>

Class A Weed –Eradication Required

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
Thistle, Marsh	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>
Thistle, Milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
Thistle, Slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
Thistle, Turkish	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>
Variable-Leaf Milfoil and Hybrids	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> <i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum x Myriophyllum hippuroides</i>
Waterhemp	<i>Amaranthus tubercalatus</i>
Wild four o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>
Sunflower Broomrape	<i>Orobanche cumana</i>

Class B Weed –Control Required

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
*Blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
*Brazilian Elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>
*Bugloss, Annual	<i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>
*Bugloss, Common	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>
Butterflybush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
*Camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>
*Common Fennel (except bulbing fennel)	<i>Foeniculum vulgare (except F. vulgare var. azoricum)</i>
Common Reed (nonnative)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
*Dalmatian Toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica ssp. dalmatica</i>
Eurasian Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
*European Coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>
*Fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
*Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
*Grass-Leaved Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
Hairy Willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
*Hawkweed Oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
Hanging Sedge	<i>Carex pendula</i> , <i>C. pendula</i> subsp. <i>Pendula</i> and <i>C. pendula</i> subsp. <i>agastachys</i>
*Hawkweed, Orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
*Hawkweeds: non-natives and hybrids of meadow subgenus	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>
*Hawkweeds: nonnatives and hybrids of wall subgenus	<i>Hieracium</i> subgenus <i>Hieracium</i>
*Herb-Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
*Hoary Alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>

Class B Weed –Control Required

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
*Houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
Indigo Bush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
*Knapweed, Black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
*Knapweed, Brown	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
Knapweed, Diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
Knapweed, Meadow	<i>Centaurea xgerstlaueri</i>
Knapweed, Russian	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>
*Knapweed, Spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
*Knotweed, Bohemian	<i>Fallopia xbohemica</i>
*Knotweed, Giant	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>
*Knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>
*Knotweed, Japanese	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
*Kochia (weed in transition)	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>
*Lesser Celandine	<i>Ficaria verna</i>
*Loosestrife, Garden	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
Loosestrife, Purple	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Loosestrife, Wand	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>
Malta Starthistle	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
*Parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
Perennial Pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
Poison-Hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
*Policeman's Helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
*Ravenna grass	<i>Triplidium ravennae</i>
Rush Skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
*Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
*Scotch Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
*Shiny Geranium	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
*Spurge Flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
*Spurge Laurel	<i>Daphne laureola</i>
*Spurge, Leafy	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>
*Spurge, Myrtle	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
*Sulfur Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
*Tansy Ragwort	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>

Class B Weed –Control Required

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
*Thistle, Musk	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
*Thistle, Plumeless	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
Thistle, Scotch	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
*Velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
*Water Primrose	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
White Bryony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>
Wild Basil	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>
*Wild Chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
*Yellow Archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>
*Yellow Floatingheart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
Yellow Nutsedge	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>
Yellow Starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>

Class C Weed

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
Black Locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>
Buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
Cereal Rye	<i>Secale cereale</i>
Common St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Field Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</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>
Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Reed Canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Smoothseed Alfalfa Dodder	<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>
Spikeweed	<i>Centromadia pungens</i>
Thistle, Bull	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Thistle, Canada	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Tree-of-Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Yellowflag Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>

■ -Weeds found in Franklin County
 * -B Designate Weeds Required Control
 Bold -Newly Adopted Weeds