

Class B Select: These non-native species have a wide-spread distribution in portions of the state and have been selected for control by the Thurston County Noxious Weed Board.

Class B Select (Control Required)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
hawkweeds: All non-native species and hybrids of meadow subgenus	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>
knotweed, Bohemian	<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i>
knotweed, Japanese	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
shiny geranium	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
sulfur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
tansy ragwort	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>

Class C Select: These non-native species have a wide-spread distribution in the state. The following weeds have been selected for control by the Thurston County Noxious Weed Board.

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Common Name	Scientific Name
pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>
yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>



“Our mission is to protect the citizens, the natural resources, and the agricultural resources of the County from the degrading impact of invasive, noxious weeds.”

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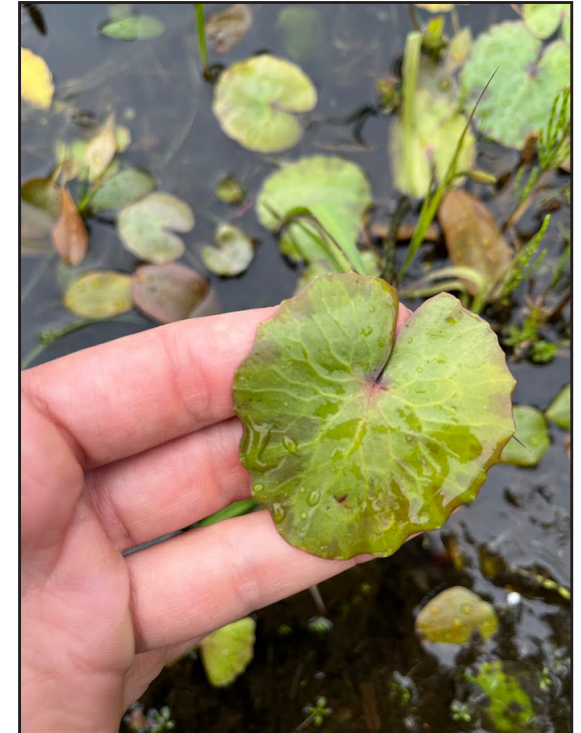
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2025 Thurston County Noxious Weed List



Yellow floating heart (*Nymphoides peltata*) is a newly documented Class B weed in Thurston County.

**List arranged alphabetically by:
COMMON NAME**

Class A Weeds: These non-native species have extremely limited distribution in Washington State. Eradicating existing infestations is the highest priority. Species in bold are present in Thurston County.

Class A Noxious Weeds (Eradication Required)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
amaranth, Palmer	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</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>
flowering rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>
French broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</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>
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>
small-flowered jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
spongeplant	<i>Limnobium laevigatum</i>

Spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
Syrian beancaper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
thistle, Turkish	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>
variable-leaf milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
wild 4-o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>
marsh thistle	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>

Class B Designate Weeds: These non-native species are presently limited to portions of the State. In regions where a Class B species is already abundant, control is decided at the local level, with containment as the primary goal.

Class B Designates (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>
camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>
chervil, rough	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>
chervil, wild	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
common fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (except <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i>)
common reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>
European coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>
fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
grass-leaved arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>

hanging sedge	<i>Carex pendula</i>
hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
hawkweed, orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
hawkweeds: All nonnative hybrids of the wall subgenus	<i>Hieracium</i>, subgenus
hoary alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>
houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>
indigobush	<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</i> × <i>gerstlaueri</i>
knapweed, Russian	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>
knapweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>
knotweed, giant	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>
knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>
kochia	<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>
parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</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>
starthistle, Malta	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
starthistle, yellow	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>
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 savory	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>
yellow floating heart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>