

THE THURSTON COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

In accordance with RCW 17.10.090.

THE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST for 2026 includes the following species.
Species listed in bold are those currently known to exist in Thurston County.

Class A Noxious Weeds WAC 16-750-005

Eradication mandatory Statewide

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 platyphylla</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</i> var. <i>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>
round leaf bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
sage, clary.....	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>
silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
small-flowered jewelweed.....	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
South American spongeplant.....	<i>Limnobium laevigatum</i>
sunflower broomrape.....	<i>Orobanche cumana</i>
Syrian bean-caper.....	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
Texas blueweed.....	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
thistle, Italian.....	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
marsh thistle	<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, Myriophyllum heterophyllum x Myriophyllum hippuroides</i>
waterhemp.....	<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i>
wild four o'clock.....	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>

Class B Designated Noxious Weeds WAC 16-750-011
Control required by State where designated

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 (except bulbing fennel)	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (except variety, azoricum)
common reed	<i>non-native genotypes of Phragmites australis</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica ssp. 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 species and hybrids of the "Wall" subgenus (<i>Hieracium</i>) including, but not limited to:	
common	<i>H. lachenali</i>
European	<i>H. sabaudum</i>
polar	<i>H. atratum</i>
smooth	<i>H. laevigatum</i>
spotted	<i>H. maculatum</i>
wall	<i>H. murorum</i>
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 ¹	<i>Centaurea x 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*Bassia scoparia*
lesser celandine ***Ficaria verna***
loosestrife, garden..... ***Lysimachia vulgaris***
loosestrife, purple ***Lythrum salicaria***
 loosestrife, wand..... *Lythrum virgatum*
parrotfeather..... ***Myriophyllum aquaticum***
 pepperweed, perennial..... *Lepidium latifolium*
poison hemlock ***Conium maculatum***
 puncturevine *Tribulus terrestris*
rush skeletonweed ***Chondrilla juncea***
spurge laurel ***Daphne laureola***
 spurge, leafy..... *Euphorbia virgata*
spurge, myrtle ***Euphorbia myrsinite***
 starthistle, Malta*Centaurea melitensis*
 starthistle, yellow*Centaurea solstitialis*
 thistle, musk *Carduus nutans*
 thistle, plumeless *Carduus acanthoides*
thistle, Scotch..... ***Onopordum acanthium* L.**
 velvetleaf *Abutilon theophrasti*
 water primrose..... *Ludwigia hexapetala*
 white bryony *Bryonia alba*
wild basil ***Clinopodium vulgare***
yellow floating heart.....***Nymphoides peltata***

Class B (Selected) Noxious Weeds WAC 16-750-011
Selected for control by local Weed Board

Common Name	Scientific Name
hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the "Meadow" (<i>Pilosella</i>) subgenus including, but not limited to:	
hawkweed, mouseear	<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>
hawkweed, pale	<i>H. lactucella</i>
hawkweed, queen-devil	<i>H. glomeratum</i>
hawkweed, tall	<i>H. piloselloides</i>
hawkweed, whiplash.....	<i>H. flagellare</i>
hawkweed, yellow	<i>H. caespitosum</i>
hawkweed, yellow-devil	<i>H. x floribundum</i>
knotweed, Bohemian	<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i>
knotweed, Japanese	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
shiny geranium ²	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
sulfur cinquefoil ³	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
tansy ragwort ⁴	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>

Class C (Selected) Noxious Weeds WAC 16-750-015
Selected for control by local Weed Board

Common Name	Scientific Name
pampas grass ⁵	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i> ssp. <i>arvensis</i>
yellow flag iris ⁶	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>

- ¹ Except the area below the ordinary high-water mark of the Nisqually River, downstream from Alder dam to Puget Sound.
- ² To be controlled on Thurston County property, gravel mines, heavy equipment storage areas and those rights of way that may directly or indirectly spread seed or contaminated material in wildlife refuges, nature preserves or other high-quality habitat areas.
- ³ Control is required on transportation rights of way in all of Thurston County and on all other land except that portion of Thurston County East of Range 1 East and South of Township 17 North.
- ⁴ Control is required when 25 or more plants are present in an area of 20 acres or less. The area may include more than one parcel if the area is under the same ownership. Priority will be given to property in agricultural areas, particularly where livestock is present.
- ⁵ Control is required in Township 18 N, Range 2 W, Section 10, 11, 14, and 23 and on all transportation and utility rights-of-way, public land and gravel mines.
- ⁶ Deep Lake, Lawrence Lake, transportation rights-of-way and Thurston County Property only.