

Class B Select: These non-native species have a widespread distribution in portions of the state and have been selected for control by the Thurston County Noxious Weed Control 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 ²	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>
sulfur cinquefoil ³	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
tansy ragwort ⁴	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>

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

Class C Select (Control Required)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
pampas grass ⁵	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus 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.

Our mission is to protect the community, natural resources, and agricultural resources of Thurston County from the impacts of invasive, noxious weeds.

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2026 Thurston County Noxious Weed List



Delta arrowhead (*Sagittaria platyphylla*) is a newly documented Class A weed in Thurston County.

**List arranged alphabetically by:
COMMON NAME**

Class A Weeds: These non-native species have a limited distribution in the state and eradication is required. Species in bold are present in Thurston County.

Class A Noxious Weeds (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, saltmeadow	<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 var lobata</i>
marsh thistle	<i>Cirsium palustre</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 aethiopis</i>

silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
small-flowered jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
S. 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>
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>
waterhemp	<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i>
wild 4-o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</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 (except bulbous fennel)	<i>Foeniculum vulgare (except F. vulgare var. 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 non-native hybrids of the wall subgenus	<i>Hieracium, subgenus</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, meadow¹	<i>Centaurea × 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	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>
yellow floating heart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>