

2007 King County Noxious Weed List

The King County Weed Board adopted the following 2007 King County Noxious Weed List, which includes those species designated by WAC 16-750 for control in King County.

Boldfaced names indicate changes or additions to the previous year's list.

CLASS A (eradication required throughout Washington State including King County)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Italian thistle	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
slenderflower thistle	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
bighead knapweed	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
Vochin knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
common crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>
eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>
goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>
reed sweetgrass	<i>Glyceria maxima (New)</i>
Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
yellow devil hawkweed	<i>Hieracium floribundum</i>
hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
dyers woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>
floating primrose-willow	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
wild four o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>
kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>
Mediterranean sage	<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>
clary meadow	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>
sage clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
milk thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>
johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
dense flower cordgrass	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>
salt meadow cordgrass	<i>Spartina patens</i>
Spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
spurge flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
Syrian bean-caper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>

**CLASS B DESIGNATES and COUNTY SELECTS
(control required in King County)**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Russian knapweed	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>
camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>
blackgrass	<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>
annual bugloss	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>
common bugloss	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>
wild chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
hoary alyssum	<i>Bertoroa incana</i>
white bryony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>
fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>
plumeless thistle	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
musk thistle	<i>carduus nutans</i>
longspine sandbur	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>
spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> (Name change only)
diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
brown knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>
meadow knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea x nigra</i>
black knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
yellow starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>
rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
yellow nutsedge	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>
blueweed; viper's bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
Brazilian elodea*	<i>Egeria densa</i>
leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
polar hawkweed	<i>Hieracium atratum</i>
orange hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
yellow hawkweed	<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i>
queen-devil hawkweed	<i>Hieracium glomeratum</i>
smooth hawkweed	<i>Hieracium laevigatum</i>
mouseear hawkweed	<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>
policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
Lepyroclis	<i>Lepyroclis holosteoides</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>
water primrose	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>
garden loosestrife**	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>
purple loosestrife**	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
yellow floating heart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
Scotch thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
sulfur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>

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Common Name	Scientific Name
Austrian fieldcress	<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>
grass-leaved arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
tansy ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>
perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>
smooth cordgrass	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>
common cordgrass	<i>Spartina anglica</i>
swainsonpea	<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>
saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
hedgearsley	<i>Torilis arvensis</i>
gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
* Brazilian elodea is designated for control throughout King County except in Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, Lake Union and Lake Fenwick.	
** Purple and garden loosestrife are county-selected for control in all areas of King County including those excluded by WAC 16-750	

CLASS C COUNTY SELECTS (control required in King County)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
hairy willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
hawkweeds, non-native and invasive	<i>Hieracium</i> spp.
common reed (non-native genotypes)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>

NON-DESIGNATED NOXIOUS WEEDS (Class B and C weeds from the State Noxious Weed List; control recommended but not required in King County.)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
absinth wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>
butterfly bush	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
bull thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
poison-hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
Scotch broom*	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
spurge laurel	<i>Daphne laureola (New)</i>

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Common Name	Scientific Name
common fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (except var. <i>azoricum</i>) (New)
herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
Atlantic ivy	<i>Hedera hibernica</i> 'Hibernica'
English ivy cultivars 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star'	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica' <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Pittsburgh' <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Star'
common St. Johnswort*	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
yellow archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i> (New)
yellow toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>
Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Bohemian knotweed	<i>Polygonum bohemicum</i>
Japanese knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
Himalayan knotweed	<i>Polygonum polystachyum</i>
giant knotweed	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>
curly-leaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
common groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>
common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
* Control of Scotch broom is required on King County's section of SR-2 and on I-90 between mile marker 34 and the King/Kittitas County line.	
*Permit from KC Weed Board required to grow St. Johnswort as a crop in King County	

WEEDS OF CONCERN (Formerly known as Obnoxious Weeds; widespread invasive plants that are not included under the State Noxious Weed Law.)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
hedge bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>
English holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
English laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
Himalayan blackberry	<i>Rubus discolor</i>
evergreen blackberry	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
bittersweet nightshade	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>