

SPOTTED KNAPWEED – *Centaurea stoebe* (syn. *C. biebersteinii*)
Class B Noxious Weed



Short-lived Eurasian perennial, highly competitive, that readily invades and dominates rangeland, pastures, disturbed sites and transportation corridors. Flowers May to September.

Crowds out native plants and degrades habitat resulting in reduced wildlife and livestock forage and increased erosion, which can degrade water quality.

Spotted knapweed is most common along state highways and railroads. It is also found in abandoned fields and pastures. It is mostly found in upland areas but it also infests sand and gravel areas along some rivers.

The goal in King County is to reduce the impact of spotted knapweed by preventing further spread, monitoring for new sites, and eradicating isolated infestations where feasible.



RESULTS FOR 2007

Data was gathered for 525 spotted knapweed sites in 2007. Of these, 97% of the sites and 92% of the area was controlled for the year (no seed production). Overall, 25% of all sites surveyed since 1996 are now dormant (none seen for 3 or more years).

Spotted Knapweed by Council District Surveyed in 2007		
Council District	Number of Sites	Weed Area (sq. ft.)
1	5	6,310
2	2	0
3	24	69,087
4	5	1,250
5	39	18,143
6	4	56,051
7	83	1,371,455
8	94	38,076
9	73	336,322

GRAPHS AND CHARTS

