

**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 2008**

Data was gathered for 581 spotted knapweed sites in 2008. Of these, 96% of the sites and 96% of the area was controlled for the year (no seed production). Overall, 26% of all sites surveyed since 1996 are now dormant (none seen for 3 or more years).

**Spotted Knapweed Results: 1999 to 2008**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number Surveyed	438	412	406	494	510	614	607	525	581
Number Controlled	368	344	315	440	400	528	581	509	558
Number Dormant (> 3 years)	55	98	112	102	133	165	209	238	257
Number New	65	43	35	61	44	59	29	26	44
Cumulative Sites	469	512	547	608	817	858	931	958	1007

## GRAPHS AND CHARTS

