

2008 King County Noxious Weed List

The King County Weed Board adopted the following 2008 King County Noxious Weed List, which includes those species designated by WAC 16-750 for control in King County, Washington.

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</i>
Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>
giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
yellow devil hawkweed	<i>Hieracium floribundum</i>
European hawkweed	<i>Hieracium sabaudum</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>
variable-leaf milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</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>
ricefield bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>
milk thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>
johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
common cordgrass	<i>Spartina anglica</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>

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CLASS B DESIGNATES and COUNTY SELECTS
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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>
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>
Lepyrodielis	<i>Lepyrodielis holosteoides</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica ssp. 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>
common reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i> (non-native genotypes)

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hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>
sulfur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>
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>
swainsonpea	<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>
saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</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>
common hawkweed	<i>Hieracium lachenalii</i>
hawkweeds, non-native and invasive	<i>Hieracium spp.</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</i>
common fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare (except var. azoricum)</i>
herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
English ivy four cultivars	<i>Hedera helix</i> Baltica, <i>Hedera helix</i> Pittsburgh,

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	<i>Hedera helix</i> Star, <i>Hedera hibernica</i> Hibernica
common St. Johnswort*	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>
yellow archangel	<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>
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>
lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</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

Widespread invasive plants that are not included under the State Noxious Weed Law. The King County Noxious Weed Board recommends control and containment of these plants and discourages new plantings.

Common Name	Scientific Name
hedge bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>
English holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
English laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
tall buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>
creeping buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>
Himalayan blackberry	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>
evergreen blackberry	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
bittersweet nightshade	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>