



# 2025 KING COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

The King County Noxious Weed Control Board has adopted this Noxious Weed List in accordance with RCW 17.10 and WAC 16-750.

✿ Known to occur in King County	✿ Historically present, but thought to be eradicated
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## REGULATED CLASS A WEEDS

State law requires property owners to eradicate all Class A species due to potential threat and limited distribution.

	Common name	Scientific name	Class
	<a href="#">bean-caper<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">common crupina</a>	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">cordgrass, common</a>	<i>Spartina anglica</i>	A
	<a href="#">cordgrass, dense flowered</a>	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	A
	<a href="#">cordgrass, salt meadow</a>	<i>Spartina patens</i>	A
	<a href="#">cordgrass, smooth</a>	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	A
	<a href="#">dyers woad</a>	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">eggleaf spurge</a>	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">false brome</a>	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">floating primrose willow</a>	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	A
	<a href="#">flowering rush</a>	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">garlic mustard</a>	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">giant hogweed</a>	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">goatsrue</a>	<i>Galega officinalis</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">hydrilla</a>	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	A
	<a href="#">Johnsongrass</a>	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">knapweed, bighead</a>	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	A
	<a href="#">knapweed, short fringed<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	A
	<a href="#">kudzu</a>	<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">meadow clary</a>	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	A
	<a href="#">orange peel clematis<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>	A
	<a href="#">palmer amaranth</a>	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	A
	<a href="#">purple starthistle</a>	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">reed sweetgrass</a>	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	A

REGULATED CLASS A WEEDS CONTINUED...

✿	<a href="#">ricefield bulrush</a>	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">roundleaf bittersweet<sup>3</sup></a>	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">rush broom<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Spartium junceum</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">sage, clary</a>	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>	A
	<a href="#">sage, Mediterranean</a>	<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">silverleaf nightshade</a>	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">small flowered jewelweed</a>	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">smooth frogbit<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Limnobium laevigatum</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">soft broom<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	A
	<a href="#">Texas blueweed</a>	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>	A
	<a href="#">thistle, ashen<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>	A
	<a href="#">thistle, marsh<sup>3</sup></a>	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	A
✿	<a href="#">thistle, milk</a>	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	A
	<a href="#">thistle, shore<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	A
	<a href="#">thistle, slenderflower</a>	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	A
	<a href="#">variable leaf milfoil and hybrids</a>	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> and <i>M. heterophyllum</i> x <i>M. hippuroides</i>	A
	<a href="#">wild four o'clock</a>	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>	A

## REGULATED CLASS B WEEDS

Regulated in counties where they are limited in distribution or a local priority. The following Class B weeds have been designated by the State Weed Board or selected by the King County Weed Board. Property owners in King County are required to control these species.

	Common name	Scientific name	Class
✿	<a href="#">blueweed; viper's bugloss</a>	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">bugloss, annual</a>	<i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">bugloss, common</a>	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	B-Reg
	<a href="#">camelthorn</a>	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">common reed</a> (non-native genotypes)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">Dalmatian toadflax</a>	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">egeria<sup>1a</sup></a>	<i>Egeria densa</i>	B-Reg
	<a href="#">fanwort</a>	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">gorse</a>	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	B-Reg
	<a href="#">grass leaved arrowhead</a>	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">hairy willowherb</a>	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	B-Reg
	<a href="#">hardheads<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">hawkweeds, meadow</a> : all non-native species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">hawkweed, autumn<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">hawkweed, orange</a>	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	B-Reg
	<a href="#">hawkweed, oxtongue</a>	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">hoary alyssum</a>	<i>Berteroa incana</i>	B-Reg

REGULATED CLASS B WEEDS CONTINUED...

✿	<a href="#">houndstongue</a>	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	B-Reg
	<a href="#">indigobush</a>	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	B-Reg
	<a href="#">knapweed, black</a>	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">knapweed, brown</a>	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">knapweed, diffuse</a>	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">knapweed, meadow</a>	<i>Centaurea x gerstlaueri</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">knapweed, spotted</a>	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">kochia</a>	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">loosestrife, garden</a>	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">loosestrife, purple</a>	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">parrotfeather</a>	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">perennial pepperweed</a>	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">policeman's helmet</a>	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">rush skeletonweed</a>	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">saltcedar</a>	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">spurge, leafy</a>	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">starthistle, yellow</a>	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">sulfur cinquefoil</a>	<i>Potentilla recta</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">tansy ragwort</a>	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">thistle, cotton<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">thistle, musk</a>	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">thistle, plumeless</a>	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	B-Reg
	<a href="#">tocalote<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">tussilago<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">velvetleaf</a>	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">water primrose</a>	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">white bryony</a>	<i>Bryonia alba</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">wild basil</a>	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">wild chervil</a>	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">yellow floating heart</a>	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	B-Reg
✿	<a href="#">yellow nutsedge</a>	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	B-Reg

## REGULATED CLASS C WEEDS

The following Class C weeds have been selected by the King County Weed Board based on potential threat and feasibility of control. Property owners in King County are required to control these species.

	Common name	Scientific name	Class
✿	<a href="#">absinth wormwood</a>	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	C-Reg
✿	<a href="#">beachgrasses (marram) &amp; their hybrid</a>	<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> , <i>A. breviligulata</i> , and <i>A. arenaria x breviligulata</i>	C-Reg

## NON-REGULATED NOXIOUS WEEDS

Property owners in King County are not required to control the following Class B and C weeds, but control is recommended where feasible due to their impacts. Species that are classified with "selective" require control within specific geographical parameters<sup>1</sup>.

	Common name	Scientific name	Class
✿	<a href="#">blackberry, cutleaf<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">blackberry, Himalayan</a>	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">buffalobur</a>	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">butterfly bush</a>	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">cattail</a> , nonnative species and hybrids	<i>Typha angustifolia</i> , <i>T. domingensis</i> , and <i>T. x glauca</i> (and any other nonnative <i>Typha</i> spp.)	C-NonReg
	<a href="#">common barberry</a>	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">common catsear</a>	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">common fennel</a>	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (excluding <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i> )	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">common groundsel</a>	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">common hawthorn</a>	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">common holly<sup>2,3</sup></a> (except where commercially grown)	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">common St. Johnswort<sup>1b</sup></a>	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">common tansy</a>	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">common teasel</a>	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">curly leaf pondweed</a>	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">field bindweed</a>	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">fragrant water lily</a>	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">green alkanet</a>	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">hairy whitetop</a>	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">hanging sedge<sup>1d</sup></a>	<i>Carex pendula</i> (ssp. <i>pendula</i> and ssp. <i>agastachys</i> )	B-Selective
✿	<a href="#">hawkweeds, wall</a> : all non-native species and hybrids of the wall subgenus except autumn hawkweed	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Hieracium</i> (except <i>Hieracium sabaudum</i> )	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">herb Robert</a>	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">hoary cress</a>	<i>Lepidium draba</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">ivy, Atlantic</a>	<i>Hedera hibernica</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">ivy, common<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Pittsburgh', <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Star'	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">jubata grass</a>	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">knotweed, garden<sup>1d,2</sup></a>	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	B-Selective
✿	<a href="#">knotweed, giant<sup>1d</sup></a>	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	B-Selective
✿	<a href="#">knotweed, hybrid<sup>1d</sup></a>	<i>Fallopia x bohémica</i>	B-Selective
✿	<a href="#">knotweed, itadori<sup>1d</sup></a>	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	B-Selective

NON-REGULATED CLASS B & C WEEDS CONTINUED...

✿	<a href="#">lesser celandine</a>	<i>Ficaria verna</i>	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">myrtle spurge</a>	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">old man's beard</a>	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">orange candleflower<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Arum italicum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">oxeye daisy</a>	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">Pampas grass</a>	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">poison hemlock<sup>1c</sup></a>	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	B-Selective
	<a href="#">Ravenna grass</a>	<i>Tripsidium ravennae</i>	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">reed canarygrass</a>	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">rough chervil<sup>1d</sup></a>	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	B-Selective
✿	<a href="#">scentless mayweed</a>	<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">Scotch broom<sup>1e</sup></a>	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	B-Selective
✿	<a href="#">shiny geranium<sup>1f</sup></a>	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	B-Selective
✿	<a href="#">spiny cocklebur</a>	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> ,	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">spiked watermilfoil<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	B-NonReg
	<a href="#">spiked watermilfoil hybrid<sup>2</sup></a>	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>M.sibiricum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">spotted jewelweed</a>	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">spurge laurel</a>	<i>Daphne laureola</i>	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">thistle, bull</a>	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">thistle, creeping</a>	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">tree-of-heaven</a>	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">ventenata</a>	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">white cockle</a>	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">wild carrot</a>	<i>Daucus carota</i> (excluding ssp. <i>sativus</i> )	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">yellow archangel</a>	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	B-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">yellow flag iris</a>	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	C-NonReg
✿	<a href="#">yellow toadflax</a>	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	C-NonReg

## WEEDS OF CONCERN

The King County Weed Board also encourages control of non-native, invasive plants that are not on the state noxious weed list but have impacts in King County. Plants on this list are considered Invasive Vegetation in King County's Critical Areas Ordinance (KCC 21A.06.641C). Property owners are not required to control these plants. Education is being provided as authorized by RCW 17.10.090.

	Common name	Scientific name	Category
✿	<a href="#">bindweed, large/hybrid</a>	<i>Calystegia x lucana</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	<a href="#">bird cherry</a>	<i>Prunus avium</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	<a href="#">birdsfoot trefoil</a>	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	<a href="#">bishop's weed</a>	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	<a href="#">bittersweet nightshade</a>	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	<a href="#">black locust</a>	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	<a href="#">bur chervil</a>	<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	<a href="#">buttercup, creeping</a>	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	<a href="#">buttercup, tall</a>	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Weed of Concern

WEEDS OF CONCERN CONTINUED...

☼	<a href="#">cherry laurel</a>	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Weed of Concern
☼	<a href="#">European mountain-ash</a>	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Weed of Concern
☼	<a href="#">harlequin maple; Norway maple</a>	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Weed of Concern
☼	<a href="#">horse chestnut</a>	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Weed of Concern
☼	introduced peavines	<i>Lathyrus sylvestris, L. latifolius</i>	Weed of Concern
☼	<a href="#">multiflora rose</a>	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Weed of Concern
☼	<a href="#">silver lace vine</a>	<i>Fallopia baldschuanica</i>	Weed of Concern
☼	<a href="#">vested blackberry</a>	<i>Rubus vestitus</i>	Weed of Concern

## FOOTNOTES

### 1. County level specifications (*not statewide – regulations specific to King County*)

- Egeria: control required throughout King County except in Green Lake, Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, Lake Union, Lake Fenwick, Lake Doloff and the Sammamish River.
- Common St. Johnswort: permit from KC Weed Board required to grow as a crop in King County.
- Poison hemlock: control required on all public lands and public & railroad rights-of-way within King County.
- Rough chervil; hanging sedge; hybrid, itadori, giant, and garden knotweeds: control required up to the ordinary high-water mark on the Green River and its tributaries upstream of the Auburn City Limits and on the Cedar River and its tributaries upstream of the Renton City Limits. This requirement to control knotweed is contingent upon the noxious weed program or program partners providing knotweed control services in the selected area for affected private landowners who request assistance.
- Scotch broom: control required on the right-of-way of King County's section of SR-2 and on the I-90 right-of-way between mile marker 34 and the King/Kittitas County line.
- Shiny geranium: control required at any elevation equal to or greater than 1000 feet within King County.

### 2. Listed common names changed within the last 4 years

NEW Common Name (A-Z)	OLD Common Name	Scientific Name
ashen thistle	Turkish thistle	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>
autumn hawkweed	European hawkweed	<i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>
bean-caper	Syrian bean-caper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
common holly	English holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
common ivy	English ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i> ssp.
cotton thistle	Scotch thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
cutleaf blackberry	evergreen blackberry	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
garden knotweed	Himalayan knotweed	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>
hardheads	Russian knapweed	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>
orange candleflower	Italian arum	<i>Arum italicum</i>
orange peel clematis	Oriental clematis	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>
rush broom	Spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
shore thistle	Italian thistle	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
short-fringed knapweed	vochin knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
smooth frogbit	South American spongeplant	<i>Limnobium laevigatum</i>
soft broom	French broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>
spiked watermilfoil	Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
tocalote	Malta starthistle	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
tussilago	European coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>

### 3. Change for 2025 list

Additions from state list: marsh thistle, roundleaf bittersweet, & common holly.

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