



2024 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
	bean-caper^{9g}	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	A
✿	common crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	A
✿	cordgrass, common	<i>Spartina anglica</i>	A
	cordgrass, dense flowered	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	A
	cordgrass, salt meadow	<i>Spartina patens</i>	A
	cordgrass, smooth	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	A
	dyers woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	A
✿	eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	A
✿	false brome	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	A
✿	floating primrose willow	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	A
	flowering rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	A
✿	garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	A
✿	giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	A
✿	goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>	A
✿	hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	A
	Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	A
✿	knapweed, bighead	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	A
	knapweed, short fringed^{9h}	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	A
	kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>	A
	meadow clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	A
	orange peel clematis⁹ⁱ	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>	A
	palmer amaranth^{8a}	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	A
	purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	A

✿	reed sweetgrass	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	A
✿	ricefield bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>	A
✿	rush broom^{9j}	<i>Spartium junceum</i>	A
✿	sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>	A
	sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>	A
✿	silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	A
✿	small flowered jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>	A
✿	smooth frogbit^{9k}	<i>Limnobium laevigatum</i>	A
✿	soft broom^{8e1}	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	A
	Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>	A
	thistle, ashen^{9l}	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>	A
✿	thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	A
	thistle, shore^{9m}	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	A
	thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	A
	variable leaf milfoil and hybrids^{8a}	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> and <i>M. heterophyllum</i> x <i>M. hippuroides</i>	A
	wild four o'clock	<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
✿	blueweed; viper's bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	B-Reg
✿	bugloss, annual	<i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>	B-Reg
✿	bugloss, common	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	B-Reg
	camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	B-Reg
✿	common reed (non-native genotypes)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	B-Reg
✿	Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>	B-Reg
✿	egeria^{1,8d, 9a}	<i>Egeria densa</i>	B-Reg
✿	European coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	B-Reg
	fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	B-Reg
✿	gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	B-Reg
	grass leaved arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	B-Reg
✿	hairy willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	B-Reg
	hardheads^{8e2}	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	B-Reg
✿	hawkweeds: all non-native species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus²	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>	B-Reg
✿	hawkweed, autumn^{8e3}	<i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>	B-Reg
✿	hawkweed, orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	B-Reg
	hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	B-Reg

	hoary alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>	B-Reg
✿	houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	B-Reg
	indigobush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	B-Reg
	knapweed, black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	B-Reg
✿	knapweed, brown	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	B-Reg
✿	knapweed, diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	B-Reg
✿	knapweed, meadow	<i>Centaurea x gerstlaueri</i>	B-Reg
✿	knapweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	B-Reg
✿	kochia	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>	B-Reg
✿	loosestrife, garden	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	B-Reg
✿	loosestrife, purple	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	B-Reg
✿	parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	B-Reg
✿	perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	B-Reg
✿	policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	B-Reg
✿	rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	B-Reg
✿	saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	B-Reg
✿	spurge, leafy	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>	B-Reg
✿	starthistle, yellow	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	B-Reg
✿	sulfur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>	B-Reg
✿	tansy ragwort³	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	B-Reg
✿	thistle, cotton^{8e4}	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	B-Reg
✿	thistle, musk	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	B-Reg
✿	thistle, plumeless	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	B-Reg
	tocalote⁹ⁿ	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	B-Reg
✿	tussilago^{8e5}	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	B-Reg
✿	velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>	B-Reg
✿	water primrose	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>	B-Reg
✿	white bryony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>	B-Reg
✿	wild basil	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	B-Reg
✿	wild chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	B-Reg
	yellow floating heart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	B-Reg
✿	yellow nutsedge	<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
✿	absinth wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	C-Reg
✿	beachgrasses (marram) & their hybrid^{8b}	<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. See footnotes for details.

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Class
✿	blackberry, cutleaf^{8e6}	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	C-NonReg
✿	blackberry, Himalayan	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	C-NonReg
✿	buffalobur^{8c}	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	butterfly bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	B-NonReg
✿	cattail, nonnative species and hybrids (does not include native species common cattail)	<i>Typha angustifolia</i> , <i>T. domingensis</i> , and <i>T. x glauca</i> (and any other nonnative <i>Typha</i> spp.) (does not include native cattail <i>T. latifolia</i>)	C-NonReg
	common barberry	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	C-NonReg
✿	common catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	C-NonReg
✿	common fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (excluding <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i>)	B-NonReg
✿	common groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	C-NonReg
✿	common hawthorn^{9b}	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	C-NonReg
✿	common St. Johnswort⁴	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	B-NonReg
✿	common teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	curly leaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	C-NonReg
✿	field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	C-NonReg
✿	fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	C-NonReg
✿	green alkanet	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	C-NonReg
✿	hairy whitetop	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	hanging sedge⁵	<i>Carex pendula</i> (ssp. <i>pendula</i> and ssp. <i>agastachys</i>)	B-Selective
✿	hawkweeds; all non-native species and hybrids of the wall subgenus except European hawkweed²	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Hieracium</i> (except <i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>)	B-NonReg
✿	herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	B-NonReg
✿	hoary cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i>	C-NonReg
✿	ivy, Atlantic	<i>Hedera hibernica</i>	C-NonReg
✿	ivy, common^{8e7}	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Pittsburgh', <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Star'	C-NonReg
✿	jubata grass	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	C-NonReg
✿	knotweed, garden^{5, 8e8}	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	B-Selective

✿	knotweed, giant⁵	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	B-Selective
✿	knotweed, hybrid^{5,9c}	<i>Fallopia x bohémica</i>	B-Selective
✿	knotweed, itadori^{5,9d}	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	B-Selective
✿	lesser celandine	<i>Ficaria verna</i>	B-NonReg
✿	myrtle spurge	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	B-NonReg
✿	old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	C-NonReg
✿	orange candleflower^{9o}	<i>Arum italicum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	oxeye daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	C-NonReg
✿	Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	C-NonReg
✿	poison hemlock^{7, 8d}	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	B-Selective
	Ravenna grass	<i>Tripsidium ravennae</i>	B-NonReg
✿	reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	C-NonReg
✿	rough chervil⁵	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	B-Selective
✿	scentless mayweed	<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	Scotch broom⁶	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	B-Selective
✿	shiny geranium¹⁰	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	B-Selective
✿	spiked watermilfoil^{8e9}	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	B-NonReg
	spiked watermilfoil hybrid^{8e9}	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>M. sibiricum</i>	C-NonReg
✿	spotted jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	C-NonReg
✿	spurge laurel	<i>Daphne laureola</i>	B-NonReg
✿	thistle, bull	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	C-NonReg
✿	thistle, creeping^{9e}	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	C-NonReg
✿	tree-of-heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	C-NonReg
✿	ventenata	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	C-NonReg
✿	white cockle	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	C-NonReg
✿	wild carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i> (excluding ssp. <i>sativus</i>)	C-NonReg
✿	yellow archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	B-NonReg
✿	yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	C-NonReg
✿	yellow toadflax	<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
✿	bindweed, nonnative species and hybrids (does not include native hedge bindweed)	<i>Calystegia x lucana</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	bird cherry	<i>Prunus avium</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	bird's-foot trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	bishop's weed	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	bittersweet nightshade	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	black locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	bur chervil	<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	buttercup, creeping	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	buttercup, tall	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	cherry laurel^{9f}	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	common holly^{9p}	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	European mountain-ash	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	harlequin maple; Norway maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	horse-chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	introduced peavines	<i>Lathyrus sylvestris, L. latifolius</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	multiflora rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Weed of Concern
✿	silver lace vine	<i>Fallopia baldschuanica</i> (syn. <i>Polygonum aubertii</i>)	Weed of Concern
✿	vested blackberry	<i>Rubus vestitus</i>	Weed of Concern

NOTES

Bold font indicates a change for 2024 (see note 8)

1. Egeria is designated for control throughout King County except in Green Lake, Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, Lake Union, Lake Fenwick, Lake Doloff and the Sammamish River.
2. Non-native yellow-flowered hawkweeds (*Hieracium* species) are consolidated into two Class B listings by subgenus - meadow (*Pilosella*) and wall (*Hieracium*). All species of the meadow subgenus are designated by the State Weed Board for required control in King County. The species European hawkweed (*Hieracium sabaudum*) in the wall hawkweed subgenus has been selected by the King County Weed Board for required control throughout King County. Control of all other species in the wall hawkweed subgenus is not required in King County.
3. Tansy ragwort is not designated by the State Weed Board for control in King County, but has been selected by the King County Weed Board for required control in all areas of King County.
4. Permit from KC Weed Board required to grow common St. Johnswort as a crop in King County.
5. Control of rough chervil; hanging sedge; hybrid, itadori, giant, and Himalayan knotweed is required 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 (tributaries included are those defined as Type S, F or N aquatic areas in KCC 21A.24.355). Control of these invasive knotweed species is required up to the ordinary high water mark (or up to the top of the bank if the ordinary high water mark cannot be identified) and in the adjacent buffer area as specified in KCC 21A.24.358. 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.
6. Control of Scotch broom is 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.
7. Control of poison hemlock is required on all public lands and public and railroad rights-of-way within King County.
8. **Change indicated from 2023 list:**
 - a. Required additions from state list: Palmer Amaranth & Variable leaf watermilfoil hybrids
 - b. County-selected addition: beachgrasses (marram) & their hybrid
 - c. County-selected subtraction: buffalobur de-selected for regulation
 - d. County requested designation change: egeria selection defined in note 1 (Green Lake added), poison hemlock selection defined in note 7 (railroad rights-of-way added)
 - e. Common names to be changed to uniquely descriptive name or away from nationalist and/or exclusionary language: **1.** French broom to soft broom; **2.** Russian knapweed to hardheads; **3.** European Hawkweed to autumn hawkweed; **4.** Scotch thistle to cotton thistle; **5.** European coltsfoot to tussilago; **6.** Evergreen blackberry to cutleaf blackberry; **7.** English ivy to common ivy; **8.** Himalayan knotweed to garden knotweed; **9.** Eurasian watermilfoil to spiked watermilfoil
9. Previous common name changes (within the last 4 years): **a.** Brazilian elodea; **b.** English hawthorn; **c.** Bohemian knotweed; **d.** Japanese knotweed; **e.** Canada thistle; **f.** English laurel; **g.** Syrian bean-caper; **h.** Vochin knapweed; **i.** Oriental clematis; **j.** Spanish broom; **k.** South American spongeplant; **l.** Turkish thistle; **m.** Italian thistle; **n.** Malta starthistle; **o.** Italian arum; **p.** English holly
10. Control of shiny geranium is required at any elevation equal to or greater than 1000 feet within King County.