

Common Noxious Weeds



Photo: Paul Noll

Herb Robert

Geranium robertianum



Photo: Missouri Botanical Soc.

English ivy

Hedera helix, H. hibernica



Photo: Tom Forney, ODA

Old Man's Beard

Clematis vitalba



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Butterfly Bush

Buddleia davidii



Photo: Guernesey Biological Ctr.

Yellow Flag iris

Iris pseudacorus



Photo: Ben Legler, Uof W

English holly

Ilex aquifolium



Photo: Paul Wray, Iowa State

Tree of Heaven

Ailanthus altissima



Photo: Univ. of CA, Berkley

Himalyan blackberry

Rubus armeniacus

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Photo: Tim Butler, ODA

Giant hogweed

Heracleum antegazzianum



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Pokeweed

Phytolacca americana



Photo: 1,000 Weeds of N. Amer.

Japanese knotweed

Polygonum caspidatum, P.



Photo: Kalamazoo College

Garlic mustard

Alliaria petiolata



Photo: King County, WA

Spurge laurel

Daphne laureola



Photo: Connecticut Botanical Soc.

Orange hawkweed

Hieracium aurantiacum

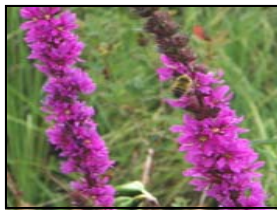


Photo: King County, WA

Purple loosestrife

Lythrum salicaria



Photo: Glenn Miller, ODA

False brome

Brachypodium sylvaticum



Himalayan blackberry takes over a plot of private land in West Multnomah County.

Invasion of the Invasives!

How to spot and get rid of them

About WMSWCD

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is a state-designated special district to help landowners plan and implement conservation practices.

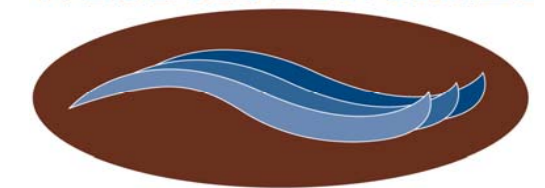
Our Mission

To conserve and protect soil and water resources for people, wildlife, and the environment



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What is an Invasive Weed?

A species that is non-native to the ecosystem and whose introduction adversely affects the economy, the environment and human health.



English ivy along a SW Portland roadside

Why Care?

Invasive weeds displace native plants and wildlife. They reduce biodiversity, impede water flow and water quality, alter hydrologic conditions and flooding regimes, increase soil erosion, decrease land values, reduce crop yield and quality, and completely change how natural ecosystems function.

(National Invasive Species Management Plan)



Japanese knotweed in McCarthy Creek



Portland roadside infested with noxious weeds

How to Spot Invasive Weeds

1. Learn about invasive weed characteristics from the Weed Watchers EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) I.D. Guide; online at www.wmswcd.org.
2. Attend a Multnomah Weed Watchers workshop to learn how to identify and report invasive plants.

What You Can Do

- Know your plants, particularly invasives
- Control invasive plants on your property and encourage your neighbors to do so
- Avoid disturbing natural areas and dumping invasives with yard waste
- Use as many native plants as possible in landscaping
- Report invasive plant sightings at <http://oregoninvasiveshotline.org/>

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Old Man's Beard (aka. Clematis)

Dig clematis and pull all vines, including those running along or just under the ground. Roots must be broken off or cut off at least 2-inches under the ground. Vines on trees can be cut with shears at both knee and chest-height to avoid re-growth. Bag cut and pulled pieces to avoid re-sprouting. Expect to dig and cut up to 5+ times before eradicated.

English Ivy

Cut or pull by hand, focusing on tree ivy as first priority. Cut tree ivy at both knee and chest height, and leave to die. Pull back ivy within 6ft of tree base. Ground ivy can be rolled up into "logs" and left in piles to compost. Turn pile occasionally to prevent re-sprouts. Expect to cut and pull more than once.

Garlic Mustard

Pull plant before it goes to seed (around late May), careful to grab at base of plant to remove entire root. Pulled plants must be bagged to prevent re-sprouting, since the plant can continue to germinate seeds after being pulled.

Contact WMSWCD

Call us **immediately** if you find any of the "Most Wanted" plants on your property (see reverse side).

For assistance with other noxious weeds or for more information, contact WMSWCD; 503/238-4775, ext. 103.

Visit Us On The Web

West Multnomah Soil & Water
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Links to the Multnomah Weed Watchers program, other local resources, technical assistance, and small-grant opportunities.

- For more plant profiles-Oregon Department of Agriculture Plant Division: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/>
- More plant profiles and maps-Western Invasive Weeds Network: <http://www.westerninvasivesnetwork.org>
- Fact sheets on invasive weeds in northwest Oregon-Four-County Cooperative Weed Management Area: <http://www.Acountycwma.org/>
- Native plant alternatives to invasive weeds- <http://www.naturescape.org>
- Pesticide-free solutions for common invasive weeds-Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides: <http://www.pesticide.org/>
- Weed reporting and mapping- WeedMapper: <http://www.weedmapper.org>
- The Global Invasive Species Team- <http://tncinvasives.ucdavis.edu/>