

**Colorado Noxious Weed Management Program**



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**Asian mustard**  
(*Brassica tournefortii*)

- 18-36 in. tall; basal rosette up to 36 in. wide
- Plants set seed prior to April
- Seed pods up to 2 1/2 in. long
- Basal rosette leaves hairy; pinnately lobed & with toothed margins
- Seeds light reddish brown or black

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**Baby's breath** (*Gypsophila paniculata*)

- 12-18 in. tall & up to 16 in. wide
- Blooms summer through fall
- Flowers clustered, delicate, white or pink, 5-parted
- Leaves linear-lance-shaped, hairy, opposite; 3/4 to 4 in. long
- Seed capsules egg-shaped, less than 1/10 in., very small & blackish



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**Cogongrass**  
(*Imperata cylindrica*)

- Up to 6 ft. tall
- Colony-forming
- Flowers 2-8 in.; fuzzy
- Leaves 1/2 to 3/4 in. wide with off-center whitish midrib, finely serrated margins & a sharp, pointed apex
- Rhizomes whitish, scaly & sharp



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**Common bugloss** (*Anchusa officinalis*)

- 1-2 ft. tall by 1-2 ft. wide
- Blooms June to October
- Flowers 1/2 in. bright blue to purple with white throats
- Stems & leaves fleshy & hairy
- Leaves narrow & slightly pointed; alternate & get smaller up stem
- Fruit 4-chambered nutlet, 1 seed each



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**Flowering rush** (*Butomus umbellatus*)

- Up to 5 ft. tall; perennial aquatic
- Blooms late summer; flowers 1 in. wide
- Leaves basal, sword-like & up to 3 ft. tall by 0.5 in. wide
- Thick, creeping rhizomes
- Stems triangular, not round
- Fruits brown, 0.5 in. long



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**Hairy willow-herb**  
(*Epilobium hirsutum*)

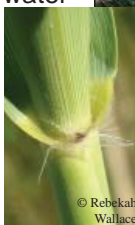
- 3-6 ft. tall; perennial
- Blooms June to August
- Flowers single, 1/2 to 1 in.
- Stems covered in soft hairs
- Seeds with white silky tuft in long seedpod
- Leaves 1/2 in. wide, 2-4 in. long, opposite, lance-shaped with toothed edges; attached directly to stem

**Common reed** (*Phragmites australis*)

- 6-15 ft. tall; spreads by rhizomes
- Forms dense thickets in or near water
- Blooms July to October
- Flowers feathery & drooping; can appear silvery or purplish
- Leaves blue-green, flat, smooth
- Native species of *Phragmites* also exist in Colorado



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**Himalayan blackberry** (*Rubus armeniacus*)

- Up to 15 ft.; thicket-forming shrub
- Blooms late spring to summer
- Flowers 1 in. in groups of 3-20
- Compound leaves dark green above & pale to whitish below; leaves on 1st year shoots have 5 leaflets & leaves on 2nd year side shoots have 3 leaflets

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**Meadow hawkweed**  
(*Hieracium caespitosum*)

- 1-3 ft. tall
- Blooms late May to June; flower heads in tight clusters; 5-30 heads per stem
- Leaves mostly basal; lance shaped, up to six in. long & hairy; form dense mat at base
- Stems, leaves & bracts have dense blackish hairs & exude milky sap when broken

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**Onionweed**  
(*Asphodelus fistulosus*)

- 11/2-21/2 ft. tall tufted clumps
- Blooms July through August
- Flowers 1/4 to 1/2 in. wide
- Stems branched & hollow
- Leaves 3-14 in. long by 1/4 in. wide
- Doesn't smell like onion & doesn't form bulb
- Seeds triangular in cross-section; sharp edges



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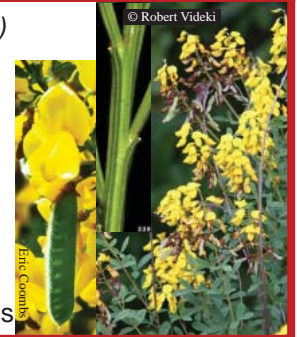


### Purple Pampasgrass (*Cortaderia jubata*)

- 6-23 ft.; large clumping grass
- Blooms July to September
- 1-3 ft. showy, purple-tinged plumes on reed-like stem
- Up to 100,000 seeds per plume
- Sheaths are densely hairy
- Leaves basal; 3-5 ft.; sharply serrated

### Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)

- 7 ft. tall by 3 1/2 ft. wide
- Blooms late spring to early summer
- Flowers 1 in. & pea-like
- Trifoliolate leaves dark green above; paler & fuzzy below; alternate & pinnately compound; 1/2-1 in. wide
- Grooved stems up to 2 in. wide
- Flat seedpods with small black seeds



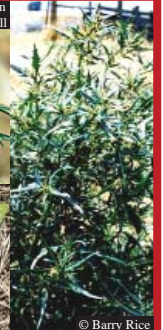
### Sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*)

- 3 to 6 ft. tall
- Blooms summer to fall
- Flowers in clusters of 2-4
- Leaves thin, alternate, abundant & three-parted; leaflets 1/2-1 in. with wedge-shaped bases; hairy
- One to many slender stems



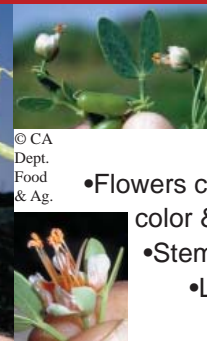
### Spiny cocklebur (*Xanthium spinosum*)

- 1-4 ft. tall by 1-4 ft. wide
- Blooms June to July
- Flowers 1-1 1/2 in.; creamy green
- Stem straight & rigid
- Leaves alternate, up to 3 in. long & 1 1/2 in. wide; 3-lobed; shiny
- Female flowers become burrs which are the fruits; egg-shaped



### Swainsonpea (*Sphaerophysa salsula*)

- Up to 5 ft. tall
- Blooms May to June
- Flowers 1/4-1 in. long, pea-shaped, & in groups of 4-8
- Leaves compound pinnate, alternate; 9-25 oval leaflets with silvery hairs
- Seeds form in inflated bladder-like pods
- Woody taproot with spreading rhizomes



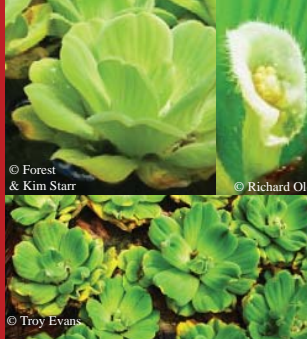
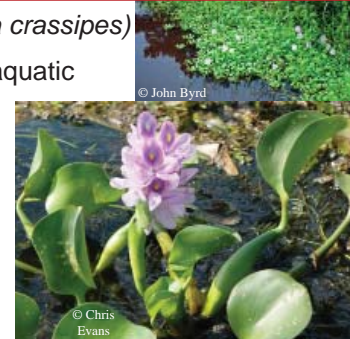
### Syrian beancaper (*Zygophyllum fabago*)

- Up to 3 ft. tall by 3 ft. wide
- Blooms May to August
- Flowers can be white, yellow or salmon color & have 10-12 orange stamens
- Stems succulent & multi-branched
- Leaves opposite, compound & with 2 thick, fleshy leaflets



### Water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*)

- Up to 3 ft. tall; dense floating aquatic
- Forms dense thickets in water
- Blooms July to October
- Flowers 2 in. wide in clusters at the end of a 12-in. spike
- Leaves dark green, 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 in. wide & 6 in. long
- Feathery roots



### Water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*)

- 2-3 ft. tall; dense floating aquatic
- Blooms late summer to winter
- Flowers inconspicuous; clustered on small, fleshy stalk in leaf axils
- Leaves velvety, hairy, spongy & in rosettes; 6 in. long; connected by short stolons
- Roots numerous & feathery

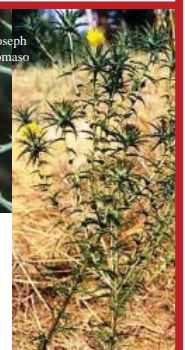


### White bryony (*Bryonia alba*)

- 12 ft. long or more; vigorous vine; can grow 6 in. per day
- Blooms mid-summer
- Flower 1/2 in. wide & greenish-white
- Leaves dark green & palmately lobed; each has a corkscrew tendril for climbing
- Highly toxic seeds in round, black fruit
- Forms dense mats & shades out vegetation

### Woolly distaff thistle (*Carthamus lanatus*)

- 3 1/2 ft. tall
- Blooms July to August
- Flowers 1-2 in. wide with spiny bracts
- Pale green stems hairy, rigid, upper portion branched; plants persist after they have died
- Flowers similar to yellow starthistle



The CDA Watch List consists of species that have been determined to pose a potential threat to the agricultural productivity and environmental values of the lands of the state. Many species included on this list are not yet known to occur in the state but have been recognized as noxious or problematic by another state or states in the region. For the included species that do occur in Colorado, more information is needed about the distribution and effect on agricultural and natural lands in the state.

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