

6.32.050 Descriptions of Noxious Weeds in Pitkin County

A. Section Overview

The purpose of this section is to provide the public with a practical guide to the identification and management of Designated Noxious Weed Species in Pitkin County. Photographs and the following information are provided for each plant on the Pitkin County Noxious Weed List:

- **Key Characteristics**, including plant family, area of origin, identifying characteristics, mode(s) of reproduction, and (where applicable) toxicity.
- **Locations** of both major and new infestations in Pitkin County
- **Best Management Practices** based on the Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture's prescribed management plans. These practices include Biological, Cultural, Mechanical, and Chemical Control methods. Because there are many factors involved in choosing and executing an appropriate chemical treatment method, no specific herbicide and application rate information is included here. Contact the Land Management department directly to learn more about chemical treatment options appropriate for the site and weeds in question.
- **Look-Alikes** Some of our noxious weeds are commonly confused with native or common non-native (but non-noxious) weeds. Where applicable, common look-alikes are pictured and distinguished from the noxious weed.

This section is intended to be a first-reference, not an exhaustive outline. **Appendix D: Resource Directory** lists a variety of websites that provide more information about Noxious Weeds. The Pitkin County Land Management department is also available to answer any further questions.