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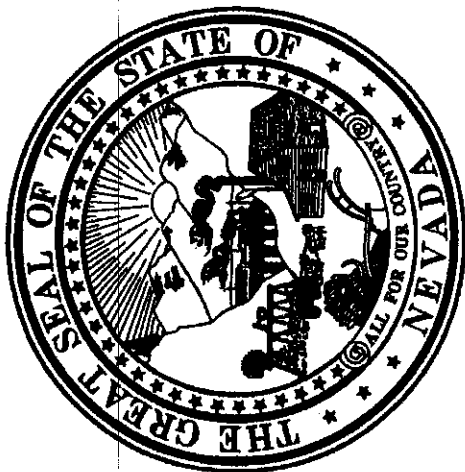
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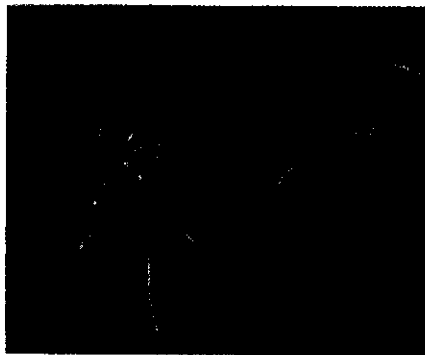
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NOXIOUS WEEDS: HOW DO THEY AFFECT YOU?



The following plant species are currently listed as Nevada Noxious Weeds:

African rue
Austrian fieldcress
Austrian peaweed
Black henbane
Camelthorn
Common crupina
Dyer's woad
Eurasian water-milfoil
Goats rue
Hemlock: a) Poison and b) water
Hoary cress (short whitetop)
Horse-nettle: a) Carolina and b) white
Houndstongue
Hydrilla
Klamath weed
Knapweed: a) diffuse, b) Russian, c) spotted, and d) squarrose
Leafy spurge
Mayweed chamomile
Mediterranean sage
Medusahead
Puncturevine
Purple loosestrife
Rush skeletonweed
Saltcedar (tamarisk)
Sorghum species
Sulfur cinquefoil
Tall whitetop
Thistle: a) Canada, b) musk, c) scotch, d) sow, e) Iberian star, f) purple star, g) yellow star
Toadflax, Dalmatian
Toadflax, yellow



NRS 555 can be found in its entirety online at:
www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs%2D555.html

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INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES AFFECT US IN MANY WAYS:

- **recreation**—thorny, spiny plants make areas inaccessible
- **real estate values**—presence of noxious weeds decreases land value
- **agriculture**—increasing need for control of weeds in crops drives up food prices
- **rangeland**—invasive plants are often flammable and increase fire intensity and frequency
- **environment**—invasive species outcompete native species, decreasing biodiversity and habitat

Invasive plant species increasingly affect Nevada's lands, both in cities and in the country. Whether you own land or simply enjoy walking through a recreational area, chances are you have encountered an area impacted by invasive plant species.

Many of us may not recognize these plants or understand how destructive they can be. To learn how to identify some of Nevada's weeds visit: www.extension.unr.edu/pubs.html

Some species are so detrimental to our economy and environment that they have been placed on a special

list in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS 555) and are called "noxious weeds."



The Inspection and Destruction of Noxious Weeds Section of NRS 555 advises that the control of noxious weeds is the responsibility of every landowner or occupant. The following are excerpts from these statutes.

NRS 555.150

Every landowner or occupier, whether private, city, county, or federal shall cut, destroy, or eradicate all noxious weeds as required by the state quarantine officer.

NRS 555.160

The state quarantine officer shall ascertain the name of the owner or occupant of infested lands. The state quarantine officer may serve notice in writing upon the owner or occupant to cut, destroy or eradicate the weeds within such a time and in such a manner as described in the notice.

NRS 555.170

Should the owner/occupant fail, neglect, or refuse to comply, the state quarantine officer may notify the board of county commissioners for the county in which the property is situated.

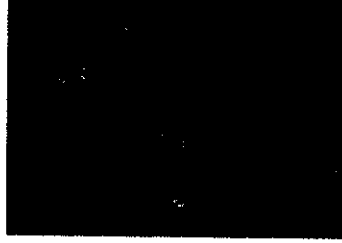
The county board of commissioners shall proceed to have cut, destroyed, or eradicated the weeds in accordance with the initial notice.

NRS 555.180

Control costs not paid by the owner shall be a lien against the property and shall be collected as provided by the law for the collection of other liens.

NRS 555.202-208

Provides for the creation of a weed district that would be authorized to undertake the above steps to control weeds designated by the district.



Spotted
knapweed
(*Centaurea
maculosa*)
Don't be fooled
because it's
"pretty"!