

Capital Region Invasive Reporting



CRISP is asking for your assistance in reporting these high priority species targeted for eradication in our region. Please report to a supervisor or contacts below.

Eradicate Species with Health Hazard Alerts

Giant Hogweed / *Heracleum mantegazzianum*



- Up to 6 m tall
- Spotted stems, grooved leaflets
- Closely resembles cow parsnip

Warning: skin burns, blistering, scarring



Blessed Milk Thistle / *Silybum marianum*



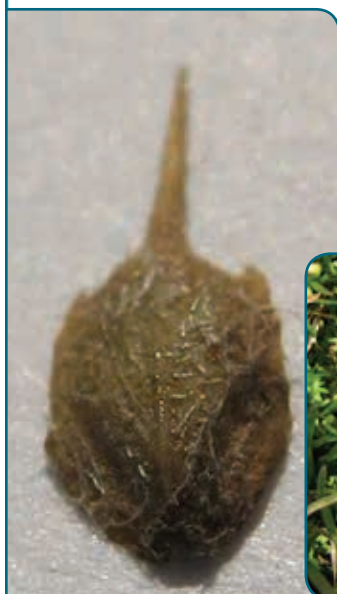
- Up to 2.5 m tall
- White marbling on green leaves
- Large spiny purple flower

Warning: poisoning & injury to livestock



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Carpet Burweed / *Soliva sessilis*



- Small, up to 7 cm
- Forms "carpet" on turf
- Divided leaves, feathery
- Small, flattened spiny seeds



Garlic Mustard / *Alliaria petiolata*



- Mature: over 1m tall
- Dense mats: young rosettes
- Small, white 4-petal flowers
- Garlic odor when crushed

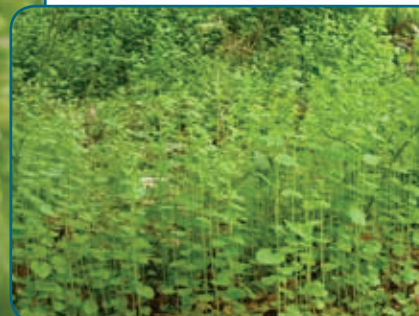


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Black Knapweed / *Centaurea nigra*



- 10-80 cm tall
- Leaves: upper narrow, lower lobed
- Flowers rose to purple; bracts black/brown, fringed



Diffuse Knapweed / *Centaurea diffusa*



- 20-100 cm tall
- Long, hairy divided leaves
- Flowers white to pinkish; bracts urn shaped with short, rigid spines



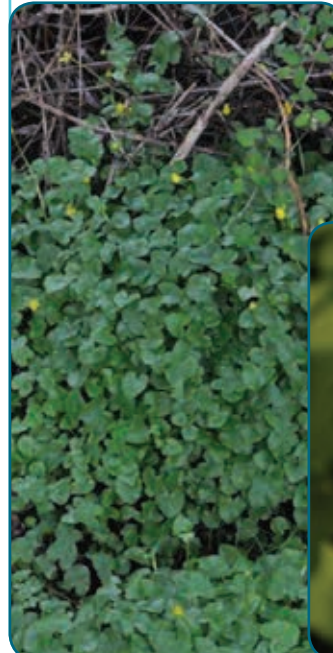
Spotted Knapweed / *Centaurea stoebe*



- 20-120 cm tall
- Deeply cut, hairy leaves
- Flowers pink to purple; bracts black tipped giving spotted look



Lesser Celandine / *Ranunculus ficaria*



- Buttercup family
- Kidney to heart-shaped dark leaves
- Flowers March to April
- 8-petaled stalked flowers



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Yellow Toadflax / *Linaria vulgaris*

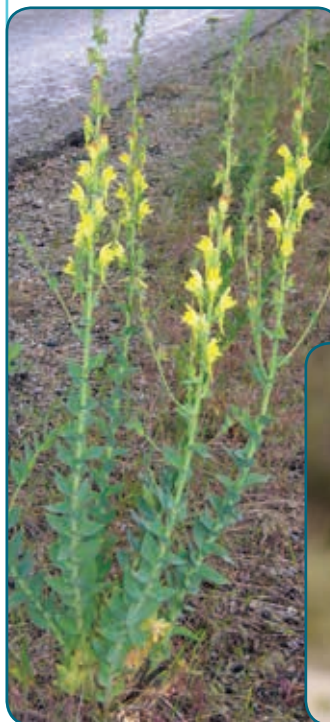


- Up to 80 cm tall
- Numerous leaves, one per node
- Soft, lance-shaped pale leaves
- Yellow “snapdragon” flowers

Note: smaller toadflax, longer leaves



Dalmation Toadflax / *Linaria dalmatica*



- 60- 120 cm tall
- Numerous stems
- Light green, waxy leaves
- Heart-shaped with pointed tip
- Yellow with orange “snapdragon” flowers



Scotch Thistle / *Onopordium acanthium*



- Up to 3m tall
- Woody, branched stems with spine-edged wings
- Silver-grey colour: woolly hairs
- Large violet to reddish flowers



Yellow Loosestrife / *Lysimachia vulgaris*



- 1-2m tall with lance-shaped leaves
- Yellow, 5-petaled flowers on tall, softly hairy stems
- Branched flower stems to cluster on top



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Knotweed Species: Bamboo-like (jointed) hollow speckled stems; large leaves.
Comparisons of Knotweed for identification:

Himalayan Knotweed *Persicaria wallichii*

- Up to 3 m tall
- Lance-shaped leaves



Japanese Knotweed *Fallopia japonica*

- 1.5-2.5 m tall
- Smaller, heart-shaped leaves with straight base, tip pointed
- Leaves thicker, leathery



Giant Knotweed *Fallopia sachalinensis*

- Up to 6 m tall
- Largest, heart-shaped leaves
- Leaves thinner, more flexible



Bohemian Knotweed *Fallopia X bohemica*

- 3 to 5 m tall
- Hybrid of Japanese & Giant, characteristics of both



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Orange Hawkweed / *Heiracium aurantiacum*



- Fibrous-rooted with milky juice
- Orange-red flowers on leafless stalks
- Stems with stiff, black hairs
- Long, oval-shaped leaves



Policeman's Helmet / *Impatiens glandulifera*



- 1-2 m tall, long slender leaves
- Pink/purple flowers like English policeman's helmet
- Hollow stems, reddish pink roots



CRISP: Species Management



Partners in the Capital Region maintain a priority list of invasive plants divided into management groups (Prevent, Eradicate, Contain and Control) based on the status of spread through the region. This list can be found on the Coastal ISC website under CRISP: www.coastalisc.com

Eradicate species are those known to occur in limited distribution and low density. The goal is to eradicate any populations of this species found in the region.

For assistance, contact CRISP (below).

Local Best Management Practices are available for some species.

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