



# Kitsap County 2024 Noxious Weed List



RCW 17.10.090 requires county noxious weed control boards to hold a public hearing and adopt a county weed list within 90 days of the state noxious weed list adoption. The Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board adopted the county's 2024 noxious weed list following a public hearing on February 29, 2024.

**2024 updates are described below. See bottom of document for Kitsap County Weeds of Concern.**

## Class A

- Addition of Palmer amaranth, *Amaranthus palmeri* (left)
- Addition of variable-leaf milfoil hybrids, *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* x *Myriophyllum hippuroides* to the Class A listing of variable-leaf watermilfoil, *Myriophyllum heterophyllum* (right)



Palmer amaranth

Variable-leaf milfoil

## Class B

- No changes to Class B noxious weeds in Kitsap County at this time.

## Class C

- Addition of European, American, and hybrid beach grasses, *Ammophila arenaria*, *A. breviligulata*, and *A. arenaria* x *breviligulata*



*A. arenaria*  
Ken Hickman

*A. breviligulata*  
Lake Michigan State Park

Visit <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/whats-new> to learn more about the changes to the Washington State Noxious Weed List in 2024.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) [16-750](#) contains the latest state noxious weed list adopted by the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board.

# 2024 Kitsap County Weed List by Class

Additions Highlighted and Underlined

## Class A

### Eradication Required

| Scientific Name   | Common Name                            |
|---|--|
| <i>Alliaria petiolata</i>   | garlic mustard                         |
| <u><i>Amaranthus palmeri</i></u>  | <u>Palmer amaranth</u>                 |
| <i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>  | false brome                            |
| <i>Butomus umbellatus</i>   | flowering rush                         |
| <i>Carduus cinereus</i>   | thistle, Turkish                       |
| <i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>  | thistle, Italian                       |
| <i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>  | thistle, slenderflower                 |
| <i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>   | purple starthistle                     |
| <i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>   | knapweed, bighead                      |
| <i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>   | knapweed, Vochin                       |
| <i>Clematis orientalis</i>  | oriental clematis                      |
| <i>Crupina vulgaris</i>   | common crupina                         |
| <i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>  | eggleaf spurge                         |
| <i>Galega officinalis</i>   | goatsrue                               |
| <i>Genista monspessulana</i>  | French broom                           |
| <i>Glyceria maxima</i>  | reed sweetgrass                        |
| <i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>  | Texas blueweed                         |
| <i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>   | giant hogweed                          |
| <i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>  | hydrilla                               |
| <i>Impatiens parviflora</i>   | small-flowered jewelweed               |
| <i>Isatis tinctoria</i>   | dyer's woad                            |
| <i>Limnobium laevigatum</i>   | South American spongeplant             |
| <i>Ludwigia peploides</i>   | floating primrose-willow               |
| <i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>   | wild four-o'clock                      |
| <u><i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>, <i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> x <i>Myriophyllum hippuroides</i></u> | variable-leaf milfoil & <u>hybrids</u> |
| <i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>  | kudzu                                  |
| <i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>  | sage, Mediterranean                    |
| <i>Salvia pratensis</i>   | meadow clary                           |
| <i>Salvia sclarea</i>   | sage, clary                            |
| <i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>  | ricefield bulrush                      |

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| <i>Silybum marianum</i>       | thistle, milk             |
| <i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> | silverleaf nightshade     |
| <i>Sorghum halepense</i>      | Johnsongrass              |
| <i>Spartina alterniflora</i>  | cordgrass, smooth         |
| <i>Spartina anglica</i>       | cordgrass, common         |
| <i>Spartina densiflora</i>    | cordgrass, dense-flowered |
| <i>Spartina patens</i>        | cordgrass, saltmeadow     |
| <i>Spartium junceum</i>       | Spanish broom             |
| <i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>     | Syrian beancaper          |

## Class B

### Control Required for Designates (D)

#### Containment is the goal for Non-Designates (ND)

**Control:** To prevent all seed production and to prevent the dispersal of all propagative parts capable of forming new plants.

**Contain:** Means to confine a noxious weed and its propagules to an identified area of infestation.

| Scientific Name   | Common Name        | Designated for Control (D) |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>   | Velvetleaf         | D                          |
| <i>Alhagi maurorum</i>  | camelthorn         | D                          |
| <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>  | indigobush         | D                          |
| <i>Anchusa officinalis</i>  | bugloss, common    | D                          |
| <i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>  | wild chervil       | D                          |
| <i>Bassia scoparia</i>  | kochia             | D                          |
| <i>Berteroa incana</i>  | hoary alyssum      | D                          |
| <i>Bryonia alba</i>   | white bryony       | D                          |
| <i>Buddleja davidii</i>   | butterfly bush     | Non-Designate              |
| <i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>  | fanwort            | D                          |
| <i>Carduus acanthoides</i>  | thistle, plumeless | D                          |
| <i>Carduus nutans</i>   | thistle, musk      | D                          |
| <i>Carex pendula</i> , <i>Carex pendula</i><br><i>subsp. pendula</i> and <i>Carex pendula</i><br><i>subsp. agastachys</i> | hanging sedge      | D                          |
| <i>Centaurea × gerstlaueri</i>  | knapweed, meadow   | D                          |
| <i>Centaurea diffusa</i>  | knapweed, diffuse  | D                          |
| <i>Centaurea jacea</i>  | knapweed, brown    | D                          |
| <i>Centaurea melitensis</i>   | Malta starthistle  | D                          |
| <i>Centaurea nigra</i>  | knapweed, black    | D                          |
| <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>   | yellow starthistle | D                          |
| <i>Centaurea stoebe</i>   | knapweed, spotted  | D                          |

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|---|---|---------------|
| <i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>  | rough chervil   | D             |
| <i>Chondrilla juncea</i>  | rush skeletonweed   | D             |
| <i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>  | wild basil  | D             |
| <i>Conium maculatum</i>   | poison hemlock  | D             |
| <i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>   | houndstongue  | D             |
| <i>Cyperus esculentus</i>   | yellow nutsedge   | D             |
| <i>Cytisus scoparius</i>  | Scotch broom  | Non-Designate |
| <i>Daphne laureola</i>  | spurge laurel   | Non-Designate |
| <i>Echium vulgare</i>   | blueweed  | D             |
| <i>Egeria densa</i>   | Brazilian elodea  | Non-Designate |
| <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>   | hairy willowherb  | D             |
| <i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>   | spurge, myrtle  | Non-Designate |
| <i>Euphorbia virgata</i>  | spurge, leafy   | D             |
| <i>Fallopia × bohémica</i>  | knotweed, Bohemian  | Non-Designate |
| <i>Fallopia japonica</i>  | knotweed, Japanese  | Non-Designate |
| <i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>   | knotweed, giant   | D             |
| <i>Ficaria verna</i>  | lesser celandine  | D             |
| <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> except <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i> ) | common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)                              | D             |
| <i>Geranium lucidum</i>   | shiny geranium  | D             |
| <i>Geranium robertianum</i>   | herb-Robert   | Non-Designate |
| <i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>  | hawkweed, orange  | D             |
| <i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Hieracium</i>                              | hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the wall subgenus   | D             |
| <i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>                              | hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus | D             |
| <i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>   | policeman's helmet  | D             |
| <i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>  | tansy ragwort   | Non-Designate |
| <i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>   | yellow archangel  | Non-Designate |
| <i>Lepidium latifolium</i>  | perennial pepperweed  | D             |
| <i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>                            | Dalmatian toadflax  | D             |
| <i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>  | water primrose  | D             |
| <i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>  | bugloss, annual   | D             |
| <i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>  | loosestrife, garden   | D             |
| <i>Lythrum salicaria</i>  | loosestrife, purple   | Non-Designate |
| <i>Lythrum virgatum</i>   | loosestrife, wand   | Non-Designate |
| <i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>   | parrotfeather   | D             |
| <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>  | Eurasian watermilfoil   | D             |
| <i>Nymphoides peltata</i>   | yellow floatingheart  | D             |

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| <i>Onopordum acanthium</i>  | thistle, Scotch                        | D             |
| <i>Persicaria wallichii</i> | knotweed, Himalayan                    | D             |
| <i>Phragmites australis</i> | common reed (nonnative genotypes only) | D             |
| <i>Picris hieracioides</i>  | hawkweed oxtongue                      | D             |
| <i>Potentilla recta</i>     | sulfur cinquefoil                      | D             |
| <i>Rhaponticum repens</i>   | knapweed, Russian                      | D             |
| <i>Sagittaria graminea</i>  | grass-leaved arrowhead                 | D             |
| <i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>  | saltcedar                              | D             |
| <i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>    | common tansy                           | D             |
| <i>Thymelaea passerina</i>  | spurge flax                            | Non-Designate |
| <i>Tribulus terrestris</i>  | puncturevine                           | D             |
| <i>Tripidium ravennae</i>   | Ravenna grass                          | Non-Designate |
| <i>Tussilago farfara</i>    | European coltsfoot                     | D             |
| <i>Ulex europaeus</i>       | gorse                                  | D             |

### Class C

Containment, control, or eradication is *encouraged*, but not required.

| Scientific Name  | Common Name  |
|--|--|
| <i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>   | jointed goatgrass                                    |
| <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>   | tree-of-heaven                                       |
| <i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>  | blackgrass   |
| <u><i>Ammophila arenaria</i>, <i>Ammophila breviligulata</i>, and <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> x <i>Ammophila breviligulata</i></u> | <u>beach grasses, European, American, and hybrid</u> |
| <i>Artemisia absinthium</i>  | absinth wormwood                                     |
| <i>Arum italicum</i>   | Italian arum   |
| <i>Berberis vulgaris</i>   | common barberry                                      |
| <i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>  | longspine sandbur                                    |
| <i>Centromadia pungens</i>   | spikeweed  |
| <i>Cirsium arvense</i>   | thistle, Canada                                      |
| <i>Cirsium vulgare</i>   | thistle, bull  |
| <i>Clematis vitalba</i>  | old man's beard                                      |
| <i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>  | field bindweed                                       |
| <i>Cortaderia jubata</i>   | jubata grass   |
| <i>Cortaderia selloana</i>   | Pampas grass   |
| <i>Crataegus monogyna</i>  | English hawthorn                                     |
| <i>Cuscuta approximata</i>   | smoothseed alfalfa dodder                            |
| <i>Daucus carota</i>   | wild carrot (except where commercially grown)        |
| <i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>   | common teasel  |
| <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>  | Russian olive  |

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|---|---|
| <i>Gypsophila paniculata</i> <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star', and <i>H. hibernica</i> | babysbreath   |
| 'Hibernica'   | English ivy - four cultivars only   |
| <i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>   | black henbane   |
| <i>Hypericum perforatum</i>   | common St. Johnswort  |
| <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>   | common catsear  |
| <i>Impatiens capensis</i>   | spotted jewelweed   |
| <i>Iris pseudacorus</i>   | yellow flag iris  |
| <i>Lepidium appelianum</i>  | hairy whitetop  |
| <i>Lepidium draba</i>   | hoary cress   |
| <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>   | oxeye daisy   |
| <i>Linaria vulgaris</i>   | yellow toadflax   |
| <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>  | Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid  |
| <i>Nanozostera japonica</i>   | Japanese eelgrass   |
| <i>Nymphaea odorata</i>   | fragrant waterlily  |
| <i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>  | green alkanet   |
| <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>   | reed canarygrass  |
| <i>Potamogeton crispus</i>  | curlyleaf pondweed  |
| <i>Rorippa austriaca</i>  | Austrian fieldcress   |
| <i>Rubus bifrons</i> ( <i>Rubus armeniacus</i> )  | Himalayan blackberry  |
| <i>Rubus laciniatus</i>   | evergreen blackberry  |
| <i>Secale cereale</i>   | cereal rye  |
| <i>Senecio vulgaris</i>   | common groundsel  |
| <i>Silene latifolia</i>   | white cockle  |
| <i>Solanum rostratum</i>  | buffalobur  |
| <i>Soliva sessilis</i>  | lawnweed  |
| <i>Sonchus arvensis</i>   | perennial sowthistle  |
| <i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>   | Swainsonpea   |
| <i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>   | medusahead  |
| <i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>  | scentless mayweed   |
| <i>Typha</i> species  | nonnative cattail species and hybrids (reminder, does not include the native common cattail, <i>Typha latifolia</i> ) |
| <i>Ventenata dubia</i>  | ventenata   |
| <i>Xanthium spinosum</i>  | spiny cocklebur   |

## Weeds of Concern

These are species that are not currently on the state noxious weed list, but are still considered to be a concern by the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board. Control and containment is encouraged.

| Scientific Name   | Common Name            |
|---|------------------------|
| <i>Acer platanoides</i>   | Norway maple           |
| <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>   | horse chestnut         |
| <i>Calystegia silvatica</i> ssp. <i>disjuncta</i> , <i>C. xlycana</i> | bindweed               |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>  | English holly          |
| <i>Petasites japonicus</i>  | Fuki                   |
| <i>Prunus avium</i>   | bird cherry            |
| <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>  | cherry laurel          |
| <i>Ranunculus repens</i>  | creeping buttercup     |
| <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>   | black locust           |
| <i>Solanum dulcamara</i>  | bittersweet nightshade |