



# **Kitsap County**

## *2025 Noxious Weed List*

RCW 17.10.090 requires county noxious weed 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 2025 noxious weed list following a public hearing on January 30, 2025.

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Visit <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/whats-new> to learn more about the changes to the Washington State Noxious Weed List in 2025. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) [16-750](#) contains the latest state noxious weed list adopted by the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board.



## 2025 Updates

### CLASS A

- The addition of **round leaf bitterweet**, *Celastrus orbiculatus*
- The addition of **marsh thistle**, *Cirsium palustre* (right)

**No changes to Class B or Class C noxious weeds in Kitsap County at this time. See bottom of document for Kitsap County Weeds of Concern.**



### CLASS A

Non-native species whose distribution in Washington is still limited. Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations are the highest priority. Eradication of all Class A plants is required by law.



### CLASS B

Non-native species presently limited to portions of the State. Species are designated for required control in regions where they are not yet widespread. Preventing new infestations in these areas is a high priority. In regions where a Class B species is already abundant, control is decided at the local level, with containment as the primary goal.



### CLASS C

Noxious weeds that are typically widespread in WA or are of special interest to the state's agricultural industry. The Class C status allows county weed boards to require control if locally desired, or they may choose to provide education or technical consultation.



# 2025 KITSAP COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST BY CLASS

*Additions Highlighted and Underlined*

## CLASS A WEEDS

Eradication Required

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

<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	cordgrass, smooth	A
<i>Spartina anglica</i>	cordgrass, common	A
<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	cordgrass, dense-flowered	A
<i>Spartina patens</i>	cordgrass, saltmeadow	A
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish broom	A
<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	Syrian beancaper	A

## CLASS B WEEDS

### Control Required for Designates (D)

#### Containment is the *goal* for Non-Designates

**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	Control Required (D)
<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>	velvetleaf	D
<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	camelthorn	D
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	indigobush	D
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	bugloss, annual	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>C. pendula</i> subsp. <i>pendula</i> , <i>C. pendula</i> subsp. <i>agastachys</i>	hanging sedge	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
<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i>	knapweed, meadow	D
<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 esula</i>	spurge, leafy	D
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	spurge, myrtle	Non-Designate
<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>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
<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>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	knotweed, Japanese	Non-Designate
<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	knotweed, giant	D
<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i>	knotweed, Bohemian	Non-Designate
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	sulfur cinquefoil	D
<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	knapweed, Russian	D
<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>	Ravenna grass	Non-Designate
<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	grass-leaved arrowhead	D
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	saltcedar	D
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	tansy, common	D
<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>	spurge flax	Non-Designate
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncturevine	D
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	European coltsfoot	D
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	gorse	D

## CLASS C WEEDS

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

Scientific Name	Common Name	Class
<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	jointed goatgrass	C
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree-of-heaven	C
<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>	blackgrass	C
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> , <i>A. breviligulata</i> , and <i>A. arenaria</i> x <i>A. breviligulata</i>	Beach grasses, European, American, and hybrid	C
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	absinth wormwood	C
<i>Arum italicum</i>	Italian arum	C
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	common barberry	C
<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>	longspine sandbur	C
<i>Centromadia pungens</i>	spikeweed	C
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	thistle, Canada	C
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	thistle, bull	C
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	old man's beard	C
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed	C
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	jubata grass	C
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas grass	C
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	English hawthorn	C
<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>	smoothseed alfalfa dodder	C
<i>Daucus carota</i>	wild carrot (except where commercially grown)	C
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	common teasel	C
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Russian olive	C
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	babysbreath	C
<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star', and <i>H. hibernica</i> 'Hibernica'	English ivy - four cultivars only	C
<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	black henbane	C
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	common St. Johnswort	C
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	common catsear	C
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	spotted jewelweed	C
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow flag iris	C
<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>	hairy whitetop	C
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	hoary cress	C
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	oxeye daisy	C
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	yellow toadflax	C
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid	C
<i>Nanozostera japonica</i>	Japanese eelgrass	C
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	fragrant waterlily	C
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	green alkanet	C
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass	C
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	curlyleaf pondweed	C
<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>	Austrian fieldcress	C
<i>Rubus bifrons</i> ( <i>Rubus armeniacus</i> )	Himalayan blackberry	C
<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	evergreen blackberry	C

<i>Secale cereale</i>	cereal rye	C
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	common groundsel	C
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	white cockle	C
<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	buffalobur	C
<i>Soliva sessilis</i>	lawnweed	C
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	perennial sowthistle	C
<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>	Swainsonpea	C
<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	medusahead	C
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	scentless mayweed	C
<i>Typha</i> species	nonnative cattail species and hybrids (reminder, does not include the native common cattail, <i>Typha latifolia</i> )	C
<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	ventenata	C
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	spiny cocklebur	C

## 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 are encouraged.

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway maple
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Syncamore maple
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	horse chestnut
<i>Calystegia silvatica</i> ssp. <i>disjuncta</i> , <i>C. xlycana</i>	Bindweed
<i>Cotoneaster franchetii</i>	Franchet cotoneaster
<i>Cotoneaster rehderi</i>	Bullate cotoneaster
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweetscented bedstraw
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	English holly
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	European privet
<i>Marsilea mutica</i>	Australian water clover
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	Spotted ladythumb
<i>Petasites japonicus</i>	Fuki
<i>Prunus avium</i>	bird cherry
<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	Thundercloud plum
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	cherry laurel
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>	Portugal laurel
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Scarlet firethorn
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English oak
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	creeping buttercup
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	black locust
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	bittersweet nightshade
<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Siberian elm
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring tree
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Vinca