



What is a noxious weed?

A "noxious weed" is a legally defined term that refers to a specific plant that is non-native and is aggressively invasive and detrimental to native plant communities.

What noxious weeds are here?

Scentsless Chamomile, Oxeye Daisy, Canada Thistle, and Yellow Toadflax

But they're so "pretty!" Why should I want to get rid of them?

Noxious weeds are taking over where native plants should be and spread very rapidly by seed and spreading roots. Our wildlife (moose, deer, elk) will not eat Scentsless Chamomile as it causes blistering of the animal's muzzle and irritation of their mucous membranes.

OK, I want to get rid of them, but HOW?

The best way to get rid of noxious weeds is to pull and bag them and dispose of the bag properly before the plant goes to flower, mainly in the "rosette" stage. This prevents the spreading of the seeds. Once the noxious weeds have been removed, you can plant native grass or wildflower seeds.



Grand Lake area noxious weeds to watch for:

1. Oxeye Daisy
2. Scentsless Chamomile
3. Yellow Toadflax
4. Canada Thistle



Noxious Weed Management Program



Growth Habits

- Grow in disturbed soil
- Invade the native plant communities and pushes out native plants
- Destroy the natural habitat
- Spread very quickly
- Spread via seed and/or roots
- Wildlife doesn't eat these noxious weeds
- Opportunistic



Young Scentless Chamomile plant



How can you & I help?

- Pull/dig plants including entire roots **before they begin to flower**
- Start very early in the growth season
- Bag weeds & dispose properly
- Plant native grasses and wildflowers
- In large area, carefully apply herbicides such as Milestone
- Work with & educate your neighbors
- Repeat the process each year. Be persistent. Job gets easier every year especially if the neighbors participate as well

Resources

- **Grand County Division of Natural Resources (Dept of Road and Bridge)**
www.co.grand.co.us
click on "Noxious Weeds"
- **Colorado Department of Agriculture**
www.colorado.gov
search box: type in "Noxious Weeds"
- **CSU Extension**
www.ext.colostate.edu
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