

RUSSIAN KNAPWEED

Common Names: Creeping Knapweed—*Acrotilon repens* L.

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Plant Description: Perennial, 1 to 3 feet tall. Well-developed root system functions as the major means of propagation and spread forming dense colonies.

Flowers: Urn-shaped, pink or purple turning straw colored at maturity. Floral bracts have a papery texture and lack sharp spines like other knapweed species.

Seed Production: A single plant may produce 1,200 seeds/year.

Habitat: It commonly grows along roadsides, river banks, irrigation ditches, pastures, cropland and in disturbed habitats.

Comments: Difficult to control.



Rosette



Bract

Weed education is a cooperative effort between WSU Douglas County Extension, Douglas County and Foster Creek Conservation District.

What Are Noxious Weeds?

Noxious Weeds are defined by the State Weed Board as plants that negatively impact agriculture, wildlife, human health, land values or natural resources.

Noxious Weed Related Concerns:

Increased soil erosion, displacement of native or desirable vegetation, watershed impacts, toxicity concerns, reduced recreation, property value and livestock carrying capacity, allergies and increased fire frequency.

What Can You Do To Help?

- 1) Learn how to recognize weed species.
- 2) Reseed disturbed soil.
- 3) Check your vehicle, yourself and pets for hitchhiking weeds.
- 4) Purchase and transport weed free forage.
- 5) Pull up small isolated weeds when encountered.
- 6) Report weed infestations to the proper authority and help spread the word ***BECAUSE*** weeds affect **Everyone!**

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