

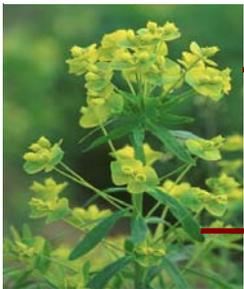
BACKCOUNTRY WEEDS OF THE WASATCH FRONT

This identification guide highlights several invasive plants in Utah that cause economic and ecological damage to forests, range and wildlands. Many of the plants listed below can be found in the Salt Lake Valley, but are not yet widespread in our canyons and mountains.

Invasive and noxious weeds alter native plant communities and displace wildlife. When weeds are detected early they can be more easily contained or removed before permanent ecological damage occurs.

Learn how to prevent, report, and control these invasive plants by visiting www.weeds.slco.org

Leafy Spurge *Euphorbia esula*



Jim Gores, Teton County Weed & Pest

Clusters of yellow-green flowers

Long narrow leaves contain a white milky sap

A deep rooted perennial with toxic properties. Grows in a range of habitats from riparian areas to dry rocky slopes.

Yellow Starthistle *Centaurea solstitialis*



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Yellow dandelion like flowers

Woolly ridged stems

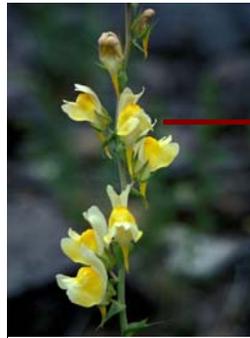
1-2 inch long spines



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A spine covered annual with yellow flowers & winged stems. Grows on arid lands such as rangeland & pastures.

Dalmatian Toadflax *Linaria genistifolia*



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Yellow snapdragon shaped flowers

Heart-shaped waxy leaves



King County Noxious Weed Program

A 2-3 ft tall perennial with waxy leaves & yellow flowers. Grows in dry rocky soils on rangeland & disturbed areas.

Spotted Knapweed *Centaurea maculosa*



University of Idaho Archives, U of I, www.insect.images.org

Pink to purple flower heads on gray hairy stems

Dark spots below the flower heads



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A 4 ft tall perennial with branching stems. Grows in a range of habitats from moist riparian areas to dry slopes.

Dyers Woad *Isatis tinctoria*



Bonnie Rasmussen, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture

Yellow flowers and bluish green leaves with a distinctive white midrib

Black seed pods form in June-July



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A 1-5 ft tall biennial with yellow flowers & bluish green leaves. Grows just about everywhere.