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*****NOXIOUS WEED ALERT*****

Orange Hawkweed

Native to Europe and introduced as an ornamental in the US, orange hawkweed is an "A" and "T" listed noxious weed in Oregon. This designation mandates eradication and/or containment by landowners with infestations.

Why is it a problem?

Once established, hawkweed quickly develops into a monoculture that continues to expand until it covers the site. A dense mat of hawkweed plants has the potential to eliminate or restrict other vegetation, even lawns. Its unpalatable vegetation displaces native vegetation posing a serious threat to native plant communities while also invading pastures and roadsides.

It thrives in a range of soil conditions; poor to fertile though it prefers well drained, coarse textured soils that are moderately low in organic matter. Hawkweeds do not persist in cultivation. Orange hawkweed occurs on native meadows, gravel pits, forest openings, permanent pastures, roadsides, and hayfields.

What Can You Do?

Mowing can reduce seed production, but may increase vegetative spread. Hand pulling is effective for small infestations, but take care to remove the deep, fibrous root and all

of the below ground rhizomes. Hand pulled plants should be bagged and thrown away or burned. Do not dump pulled weeds or the infestation will just begin anew in another area.

For larger patches of orange hawkweed, an herbicide application in spring, followed by hand pulling in early summer before seeds develop can be very effective.

For more info on orange hawkweed:

[ODA Profile](#)

[Columbia Gorge CWMA BMP](#)

Orange hawkweed is of the highest priority in Oregon and Western Invasives Network is asking for your help in documenting infestations.

How Do I Report Orange Hawkweed?

Report Online at:

<https://oregoninvasiveshotline.org/>

-or-

Call 1-866-INVADER

-or-

Contact [your local CWMA](#)



Top: Orange hawkweed has completely taken over this once productive meadow in British Columbia. (Photo: BC-ISC)

Bottom: The hairy, lance-leaf rosettes of orange hawkweed appear in the spring. (Photo: Kris Lord)

