



**WESTERN INVASIVES
NETWORK**

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

Purple Loosestrife

Purple Loosestrife is a hardy, non-native, invasive perennial plant that inhabits wetlands, riverbanks and other surface water corridors like irrigation ditches and canals. It is listed as a noxious weed in the state of Oregon and is one of the most destructive and invasive riparian plants in Oregon.

Why is it a problem?

Purple loosestrife is an extremely aggressive invader of our riparian systems and a prolific seed producer. A single plant can release up to 3 MILLION seeds in a single year! Purple loosestrife can quickly form a monoculture that crowds out native vegetation.

Riparian systems are highly dependent on their associated plant communities. These plant communities support multiple species of birds, insects, rodents, fish and amphibians. Fringe habitat in riparian areas is also extremely important to larger animals like deer and elk.

Native riparian plant communities provide other services, too. Native plants help filter and clean our water as it flows through these systems and the benefits of good water quality are felt far beyond our faucets.

State Law

It is a violation of Oregon State Law to allow any state designated noxious weed to go to

seed within a Weed Control District. Landowners who have state designated noxious weeds on their property are required to take action. While many counties in Oregon have extensive populations, nearby counties have very little and EDRR is still possible.

What Can You Do?

Purple loosestrife can be tough to control. Please reach out to your local SWCD or OSU Extension office for more information and check out the following resources:

[ODA Profile](#)

[Columbia Gorge CWMA BMP](#)

How Do I Report Purple Loosestrife?

Report Online at:

<https://oregoninvasiveshotline.org/>

-or-

Call 1-866-INVADER

-or-

Contact [your local CWMA](#)



*Purple loosestrife flowers on large, spike-like racemes up to 20" long. Flowers are pink/purple with 5-7 petals and stems have square edges.
(Photo: NE Wildlife)*



Purple loosestrife monoculture at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge in Portland, Oregon. (Stock Photo)