

Ravalli County Noxious Weeds

Listed here are some of the noxious weeds to look out for in Ravalli County. For more information, visit the [Ravalli County Weed District Webpage](#).

Please use caution when pulling weeds! Bring gloves to wear and don't pull it if you are unsure of the species or if you might be allergic.

Blue Weed - Do not handle without proper gloves and long sleeves due to its toxic properties and fiber-glass like handling. Dimpled appearance of the leaves and bright blue to purple flowers. stiff hairs covering all parts of the plant.



Hoary Alyssum - Flowers are small and white with 4 petals and form in clumps. Plant is covered in short hairs that give it a gray-silver look.



Houndstongue - Flowers are five petaled, reddish-purple in color and produce four brown, triangular, Rounded seeds that stick like Velcro on you. . They typically bloom in June and July.



Common Tansy - Fern-like leaves; yellow, button-like flower heads, and strong odor associated with the leaves.



Seed Head

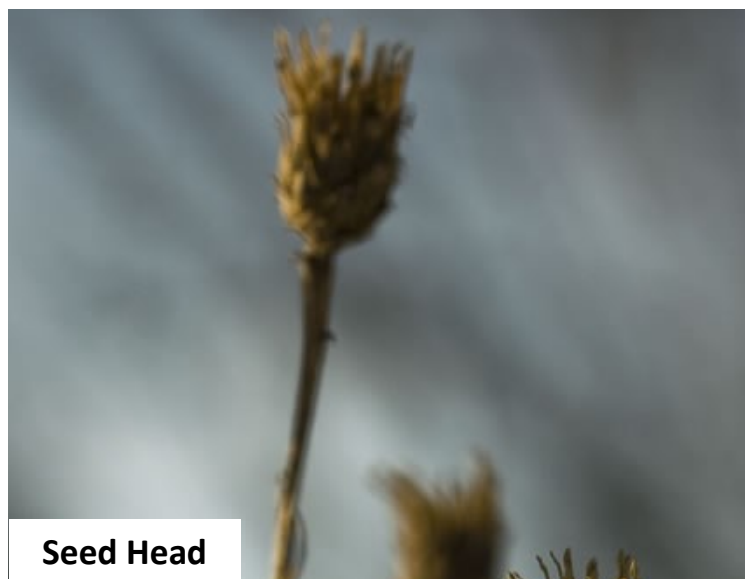
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Oxeye Daisy - Oxeye daisy is a perennial somewhat resembling the popular Shasta daisy. Generally Shasta daisies have larger flowers (up to two inches in diameter) and foliage; and they tend to be bushier plants



Spotted Knapweed - Pink to purple bachelor button-looking flowers, bracts with black tips directly under the flower head and deeply lobed lower leaves with fine, cobweb-type hairs.



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St. Johnswort - Leaves that contain tiny pinpoint holes, visible when held up to the light. Black oil glands along the margins of the yellow petals.



Sulfur Cinquefoil - The key features of this plant include pointed hairs which protrude outward at right angles from the stem and leafstalk. Leaves are palmate with five to seven toothed leaflets that radiate from the center.



Tall Buttercup - Resembles the native buttercup, but grows much taller in height .One inch, bright yellow flowers look as if they have been dipped in shellac; long, hairy stems.



Black Henbane - Do not handle without proper gloves and long sleeves due to its toxic properties. The stems are branched, and densely covered with long hairs. Brownish-yellow flowers have a purple center and purple veins.



Weeds NOT to pull -When pulled, some weeds are stimulated to send up more sprouts from their extensive root system. Because of this, these weeds are **not** recommended to be hand-pulled:

- *Canadian Thistle*
- *Leafy Spurge*