



CANADA THISTLE

Height: 1 to 4 feet

Description: Deep green, shiny leaves with small spines; purple/pink flowers

Why it's noxious:

5,200 seeds in one season per plant; seeds viable 21 years

Danger: Invades crop lands, pastures, rangelands and roadsides, choking out other plants.



KNOTWEED

(four types, Japanese, Giant, Bohemian, Himalayan)

Height: 16 feet (Japanese)

Description: Broad green leaves; small white flowers; bamboo-like stems (Japanese)

Why it's noxious: Spreads by root segments and plant parts; digging, cutting or mowing actually helps the plant spread. Japanese type has root systems 10 feet deep and 65 feet across.

Danger: Clogs rivers, streams, roadsides, ditches and lakes. Endangers fish, clogs swimming and boating water. Can break through home foundations.



YELLOW ARCHANGEL

Height: Ground cover

Description: Variegated leaves with silvery-gray markings; small yellow, tubular flowers

Why it's noxious: 800 seeds per plant; seeds viable 5 years. Can regenerate from plant parts and roots.

Danger: Establishes dense, sprawling mats, leaving little room for other plants.



TANSY RAGWORT

Height: 1 to 4 feet tall

Description: Daisy-like yellow flowers on leafy stems. Young plants have coarse, ruffled leaves with reddish stems.

Why it's noxious: Single large plant can produce 150,000 seeds, which can lie dormant for as long as 15 years. Can re-sprout if the entire plant is not removed.

Danger: Toxic and can be lethal to cattle and horses. Also can cause human liver damage. All parts of the plant are toxic.