



WeedWise

A conservation program of the *Clackamas SWCD*



Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)

WeedWise Program

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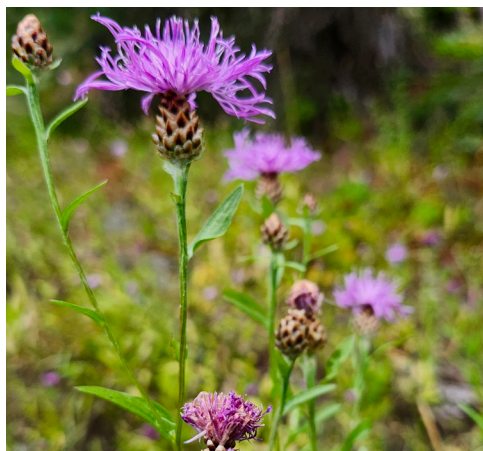
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A new massive infestation of oblong spurge was discovered along the Clackamas River this season.



This season, the WeedWise program identified the first population of brown knapweed in Clackamas County.

WeedWise Approach

To improve the management of invasive weeds in Clackamas County, the WeedWise program has adopted three program initiatives designed to maximize our positive impacts.

Service & Assistance

Our Service and Assistance initiative is focused on helping local landowners to improve conditions on property they own and manage.

We work with county residents to answer questions about invasive weeds and help them to develop weed control strategies for use on land they manage.

Assessment & Prioritization

Managing invasive weeds across an area as large as Clackamas County is a major undertaking.

The WeedWise program works to maximize our impact by considering landscape level distributions of weeds. We evaluate the risks and the benefits of active management.

The WeedWise program uses this information to develop a list of

priority weeds and locations to target for containment and eradication efforts.

Invasive Weed Management

Implementation of on-the-ground invasive weed control is a primary focus of the WeedWise program.

Our management practices focus on cooperation with local and regional partners, but our most important partners are our private landowners.

The WeedWise program routinely works with private landowners to access and treat priority invasive weeds. Since invasive weeds ignore property boundaries, our efforts would not be possible without the willing participation of our cooperating landowners.

Many thanks to all of our cooperating landowners, partner organizations, and financial supporters!

Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs)

The WeedWise program administers and coordinates the [4-County CWMA](#), that serves the Portland Metropolitan Region, and the [Columbia Gorge CWMA](#) that serves the Columbia River Gorge and surrounding areas. WeedWise Program hosted a CWMA field day to share our weed management efforts with our various partner organizations.



Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP)

The WeedWise program administers and coordinates the [CRISP](#) collaborative partnership comprised of 14 public and non-profit organizations. This year the CRISP celebrates its **10th anniversary!** Since inception, CRISP partners have surveyed and treated nearly **60,000 acres**, invested more than **\$3.7 million**, and planted more than **one million** trees and shrubs!

WeedWise Highlights

The WeedWise program initiatives focus on the active management of priority invasive weeds and providing assistance to Clackamas County residents.

In this past year the WeedWise program has:

- Provided technical assistance to **210 county residents**;
 - Sent targeted mailings to **2409 households**;
 - Worked with **696 landowners** to implement weed projects;
 - Partnering with **58 public and non-profit organizations**;
 - Maintained active permissions with **1,876 landowners** managing **678,311 acres**;
 - Tracked **54,950 weed patches**;
 - Documented **4,674 new weed observations** totaling **66 acres**;
 - Implemented **990 weed surveys and treatments** totaling **13,323 acres**;
 - Expended **\$649,131** to support noxious weed control projects;
 - Administered **2 Cooperative Weed Management Areas**;
- This past year the WeedWise program has worked on a number of large-scale projects including:
- Technical assistance initiative to assist residents;
 - *Rapid Response* weed control initiative across Clackamas County;
 - Partnering with the **Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership** (CRISP) to implement invasive weeds;
 - Implemented basin-wide surveys and treatments of priority weeds on the Clackamas, Sandy, and Molalla Rivers;
 - Assisted federal partners with the management of invasive weeds on the Mt Hood National Forest and BLM managed lands;
 - Assisted with wildfire recovery efforts in affected areas of Clackamas County.
 - Managed vegetation at the District's Eagle Creek Community Forest;
 - Facilitated the *Backyard Habitat Certification Program* to target invasive weeds in the urban areas of Clackamas County.



Management of fire-adapted weeds continues in fire impacted areas continues in Clackamas County.



New orange hawkweed patches were discovered as part of our Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) management.



Before, During, and After: The WeedWise has been managing many fire-adapted weeds within the wildfire burn areas in Clackamas County. This large infestation of blackberry on the Mt Hood National Forest was treated to manage the weeds and was reseeded with native grasses and forbs provided by the US Forest Service. The result of this effort speaks for itself!

About WeedWise

Since 2009, the WeedWise program has been working to improve the management of invasive weeds in Clackamas County.

We provide assistance and technical information to local residents, and implement prioritized landscape-level management practices to target invasive weeds across Clackamas County.

Our team of dedicated professionals are working hard to protect the working lands and natural areas of Clackamas County. Their efforts help to preserve the livability of our communities from the threat of invasive weeds.

If you are working to control invasive weeds on property that you own or manage please contact the WeedWise program for assistance today!



With a grant from the Oregon State Weed Board, the Molalla River was targeted for survey and treatment of an emergent and growing garlic mustard infestation.



This year we continued our priority weed project on [iNaturalist](#) which has captured 621 priority weed observations of 33 different species.



Protecting Beautiful Places: *Much of our focus is on protecting the beautiful natural areas of Clackamas County.*



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