

Agate Desert and Lower Table Rock's Most Wanted Weeds

Knapweeds



Diffuse knapweed



Meadow knapweed



Russian knapweed



Spotted knapweed



Squarrose knapweed

Knapweeds will be found as a basal rosette in fall and winter. They bolt in May, and flower from June until August

Leafy spurge

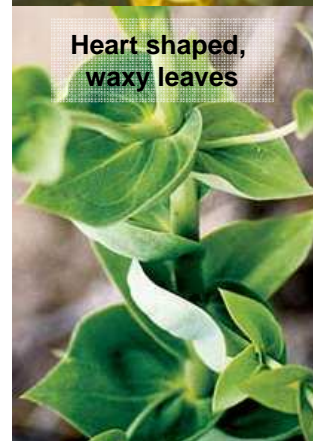


Look for **leafy spurge** after May, (when the bracts turn yellowish-green). Look in disturbed sites, including stream banks, prairies, savannas, and roadside areas

Dalmation toadflax



Snapdragon-like flowers



Heart shaped, waxy leaves



vertical floral stems 2.5 to 4.5 ft tall

Please look for **Dalmation Toadflax** in May and June before seed set.

Rush skeletonweed



Rubbery leaves



Photo courtesy BC Ministry of Forests



Downward bent spines on the stem

Lateral lobes of leaves point backwards

Rush skeletonweed flowers and sets seed July – September. Look for basal rosettes in late fall/early winter when it can be more easily controlled.

Russian thistle

Many-branched spiny shrub

Stems with red stripes

Spine-tipped leaves

Spiny bracts

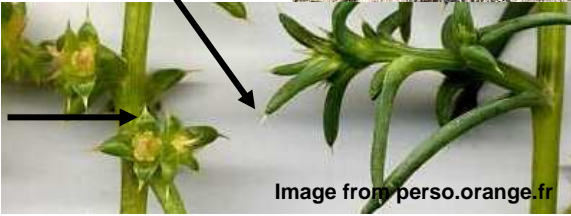


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Russian thistle blooms from July through October, and breaks off to form “tumbleweeds” at maturity. It grows along roadsides, trails, and in moist areas.

Puncture vine



Sharp woody burrs

Puncture vine can be found from late spring through autumn. It is in bloom from July through October.

False brome



False brome has hairy leaves. (compared in photo to smooth leaves of blue wildrye)

spikelets on short stalks

False Brome is found in coniferous forest understory, riparian forest understory, forest edges, and upland prairies.

White top hoary cress



grayish green leaves

flat-topped appearance

white flowers with four petals

White Top Hoary Cress is easiest to find in early May when flowering. Look in unshaded disturbed areas such as along roadsides and ditch banks

Scotch thistle



Stems have vertical rows of spiny, ribbon-like leaf material (“wings”)

Musk thistle



Look for smooth waxy leaves with yellowish spine at the tip

Woolly distaff



yellow flowers with leaf-like spiny bracts

Look for **thistles** in wet meadows, streams, pastures, fields, and rangeland. Rosettes can be found throughout the growing season, flowering occurs mid summer