

COMMON MULLEIN

Common Names: Mullein - *Verbascum thapsus* L.

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Plant Description: This biennial produces a large, thick rosette of fuzzy leaves the first year and a single, stout, erect stem, 2 to 6 feet tall the second year.

Flowers: Dense elongate spike made up many small individual yellow flowers. Blooms June to August.

Seed Pods: Capsule broadly ovoid, 7-10 mm long.

Seed Production: Up to 18,000 seeds.

Habitat: Common on open, disturbed ground, roadsides, rangeland and logged areas in the mountains.

What Are Noxious Weeds?

Noxious Weeds are defined by the State Weed Board as plants that negatively impact agriculture, wildlife, human health, land values or natural resources.

Noxious Weed Related Concerns:

Increased soil erosion, displacement of native or desirable vegetation, water shed impacts, toxicity concerns, reduced recreation, property value and livestock carrying capacity, allergies and increased fire frequency.

What Can You Do To Help?

- 1) Learn how to recognize weed species.
- 2) Reseed disturbed soil.
- 3) Check your vehicle, yourself and pets for hitchhiking weeds.
- 4) Purchase and transport weed free forage.
- 5) Pull up small isolated weeds when encountered.
- 6) Report weed infestations to the proper authority and help spread the word *BECAUSE* weeds affect **Everyone!**



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Weed education is a cooperative effort between WSU Douglas County Extension, Douglas County and Foster Creek Conservation District.

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