

TOP INVASIVE PLANTS OF THE COLUMBIA SHUSWAP



Knotweeds
(*Fallopia* spp.)

- Green hollow bamboo- like stems up to 5 m tall
- Heart-triangular shape leaves, arranged in zig-zag pattern
- Small white flowers
- **Do not dig, mow, or compost**



Yellow Flag Iris
(*Iris pseudacorus*)

- Bright yellow flowers, 7-10 cm across
- Green, sword shaped leaves
- Has floating dark brown seed pods
- Invades wet areas
- Midrib along leaves



Blueweed
(*Echium vulgare*)

- Many bright blue flowers
- Stems have many stiff hairs, painful to touch, up to 80 cm tall
- Green, oblong, hairy leaves



Poison Hemlock
(*Conium maculatum*)

- **Plant is poisonous DO NOT TOUCH**
- Thick, hairless stems with red-purple dots up to 3 m tall
- Small white flowers in umbels
- Green, fern-like leaves



Giant Hogweed
(*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

- **Toxic, burning sap DO NOT TOUCH**
- Hollow green stem with purple spots, grows up to 5m tall
- White flowers in umbels
- Large toothed leaves, hairy underside



Wild Chervil
(*Anthriscus sylvestris*)

- Hollow green stem, up to 1.8 m
- Lacey, divided, fern-like leaves with fine hairs on bottom
- Small white flowers in umbels



Wild Parsnip
(*Pastinaca sativa*)

- Small yellow flowers in umbels
- Green hollow stem up to 1 m tall
- Opposite, toothed stems
- Distinct parsnip odor



Himalayan Balsam
(*Impatiens glandulifera*)

- Red stems, hollow, up to 2 m tall
- Pink orchid-like flowers
- Seed pods explosive
- Infests wetlands and riverine areas, causes erosion



Himalayan Blackberry
(*Rubus armeniacus*)

- Red, thorny stems up to 3m tall
- 3-5 large green leaflets
- Small white/pink flowers
- Mature fruit are black berries

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Spurges
(*Euphorbia spp.*)

- Yellow flowers & alternate, spirally arranged, narrow leaves
- Stems can grow over 1m tall and roots up to 9m deep
- Contains milky poisonous sap



Scotch Thistle
(*Onopordum acanthium*)

- Flowers purple and spiny
- Large, spiny stems with silvery hair
- Grows up to 3 m tall
- Large, lobed leaves with yellow spikes



Garlic Mustard
(*Alliaria petiolata*)

- Small, white, 4-petal flowers
- Dark green rosettes, scalloped edges
- Stem leaves heart-shaped & toothed
- Garlic smell when crushed



Tree of Heaven
(*Lamium galeobdolon*)

- Tree with green-brown bark
- Central stem with oblong green leaflets on each side
- Seeds are winged, 1-2 inches long
- Smells like rotten peanut butter



Scotch Broom
(*Cytisus scaparius*)

- Yellow pea-like flowers & seed pods
- Woody shrub, up to 3m tall
- Small green leaves in 3 leaflets
- Contains flammable oil



Teasel
(*Dipsacus fullonum*)

- Spikey, cone-shaped flower head
- Oblong green leaves with spiny underside
- Thick, spiny stems up to 8 feet tall



Rush Skeletonweed
(*Chondrilla juncea*)

- Small bright yellow flowers
- Tap rooted perennial, over 1m tall
- Mass of wiry stems with milky sap



Baby's Breath
(*Gypsophila paniculata*)

- Small white clustered flowers
- Opposite leaves, prominent mid vein
- Commonly used In bouquets & flower arrangements

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVES

- Choose native plants for your garden or property
- Don't share or compost any invasive plants
- Double bag invasive plants, bring to landfill for deep-burial
- Report invasive species sightings

HOW TO REPORT SIGHTINGS

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