



BLACK ROCK DESERT  
HIGH ROCK CANYON  
EMIGRANT TRAILS



NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

# Noxious Weeds



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## Noxious Weeds-

- **Tall Whitetop- *Lepidium latifolium***
- Member of the mustard family
- Grows 2-4 feet tall, but may reach 8 feet in wet areas.
- Has a semi-woody stem and flowers from June- July
- Grows along riverbanks, roadsides, and in fields.
- Was introduced from either eastern Europe or Asia.
- Crowds out desirable native plants, degrades wildlife habitat and accelerates stream bank erosion.



[northern.edu/natsource](http://northern.edu/natsource)

- **Russian Knapweed- *Centaurea repens***
- Member of the daisy family
- Grows 2-3 feet tall with hairy stems
- Blooms from July- August
- Damages an alfalfa, crop seed, and hay seed production



[invasivespecies.gov](http://invasivespecies.gov)

- **Salt Cedar- *Tamarix ramosissima***
- Small tree or large shrub that grows 5-20 feet tall with numerous slender branches and small scale-like leaves
- It is an enormous water consumer, one plant can consume up to 200 gallons of water per day.
- Was planted as an ornamental plant in the 1870's, but it escaped, and has become a problem.
- Accumulates salts in the soil that eliminate other plants.



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- **Yellow Starthistle- *Centaurea solstitialis***
- Member of the daisy family
- Stems are usually 2-10cm. tall with yellow flowers.
- Live in fields, roadsides, rangelands, pastures, and waste areas.
- Rapid colonizer and prevents growth of other plant species, and is poisonous to horses.
- Sharp spines injure wildlife and livestock



[agf.gov.bc.ca/croppot](http://agf.gov.bc.ca/croppot)

- **Russian Thistle- *Salsola kali***
- Round, bushy annual that grows roughly 1.2m high
- Nicknamed the "tumbleweed"
- Grows in agricultural fields, irrigation canals, on the roadside, and in shoulder and ditches.
- Transported to the U.S. in flax seed from the Ukraine



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- **Cheatgrass- *Bromus tectorum***
- Grows 2 inches- 2 feet tall
- Grows on all exposures and all types of topography.
- Native to the Mediterranean; introduced in 1889.
- When dry, supports high intensity wildfires.