

Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation.

The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.



Musk Thistle

Height 1.6–9.8 ft



Pink to purple flowers

Mature seedhead

Canada Thistle

Height 1–3.9 ft



Pink to purple flowers

Plumeless Thistle

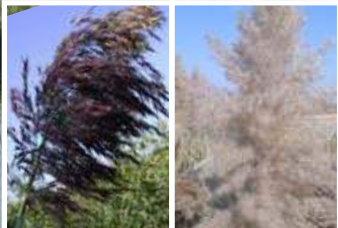
Height 1–4.9 ft



Purple flowers

Phragmites

Height 3.2–20 ft

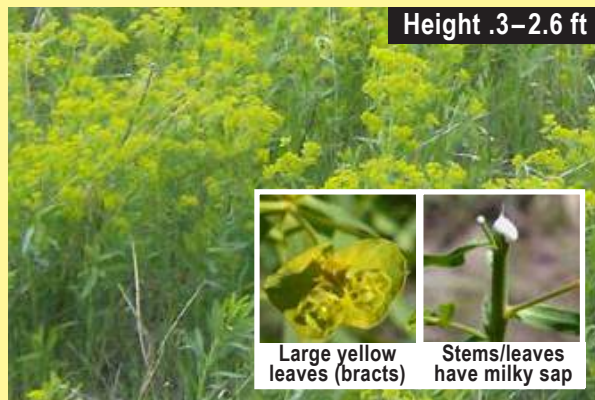


Young seedhead

Mature seedhead

Leafy Spurge

Height .3–2.6 ft



Large yellow leaves (bracts)

Stems/leaves have milky sap

Sericea Lespedeza

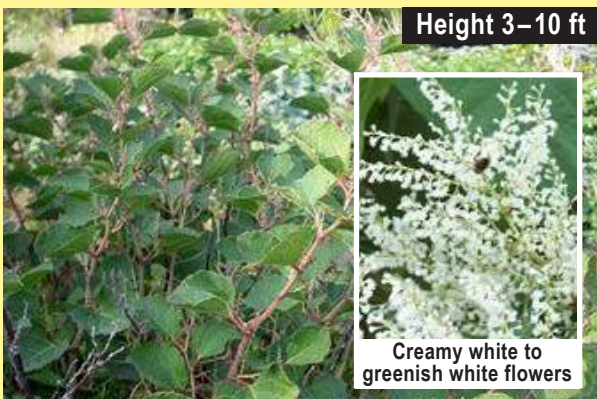
Height 1.5–6.5 ft



White or cream to yellowish white flowers

Japanese Knotweed

Height 3–10 ft



Creamy white to greenish white flowers

Giant Knotweed

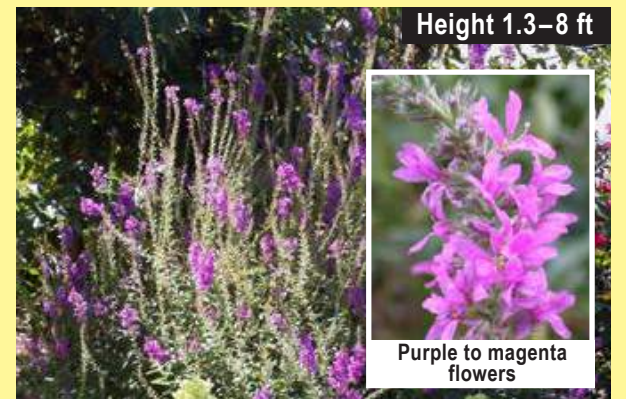
Height 8–13 ft



Creamy white to greenish white flowers

Purple Loosestrife

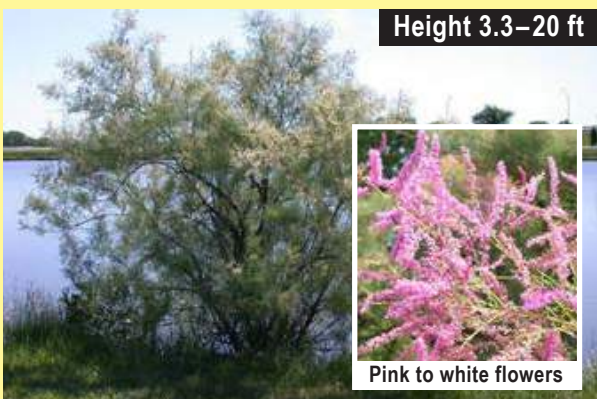
Height 1.3–8 ft



Purple to magenta flowers

Saltcedar

Height 3.3–20 ft



Pink to white flowers

Spotted Knapweed

Height 1–3.9 ft



Lavender to purple flowers

Diffuse Knapweed

Height 1–3.9 ft



White/purplish flowers

Lancaster County's Noxious Weeds

Cutleaf Teasel

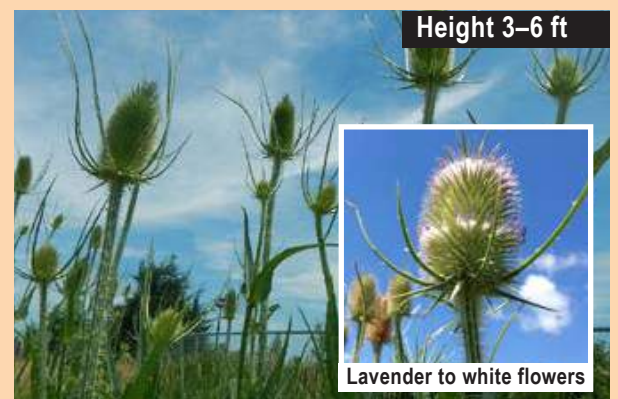
Height 4–8 ft



White flowers

Common Teasel

Height 3–6 ft



Lavender to white flowers

Good neighbors control noxious weeds — If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association (www.neweed.org) or Nebraska Department of Agriculture.