

Noxious Weed Coloring Book



NO INVASIVE PLANTS!

Provided by the Deschutes County Noxious Weed Board

Bend, Oregon



Let's Get Noxious

Weeds on the Run!

A **weed** is any plant growing where it is not wanted. A **noxious weed** is a plant (growing on the land or in the water)

that spreads quickly and can cause big problems for the environment. These plants are **non-native invaders**, meaning they have been brought in by humans (either intentionally or by accident) from other areas.

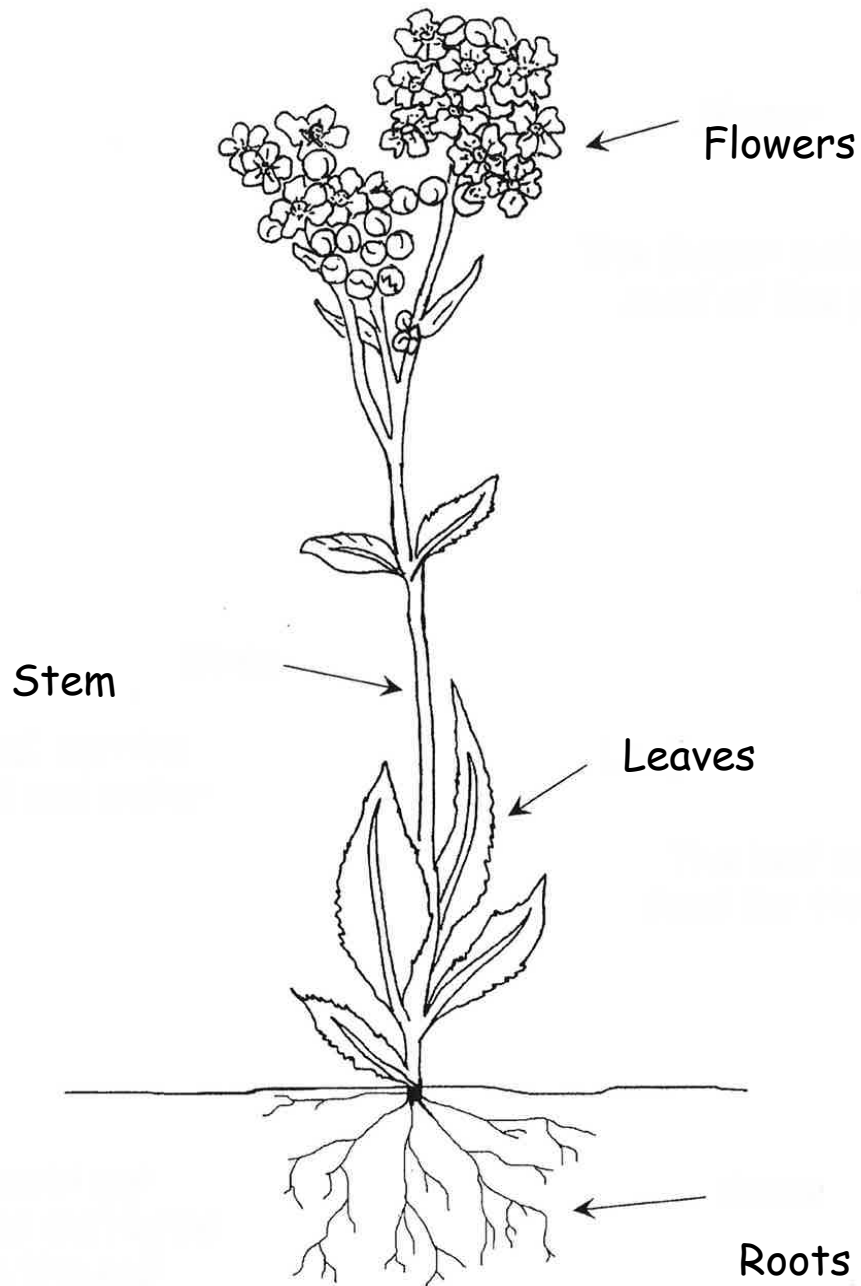
Noxious weeds invade our towns, farms, and forests and force out the **native plants** that animals and people need for food and shelter.

See a noxious weed? Yank it up!

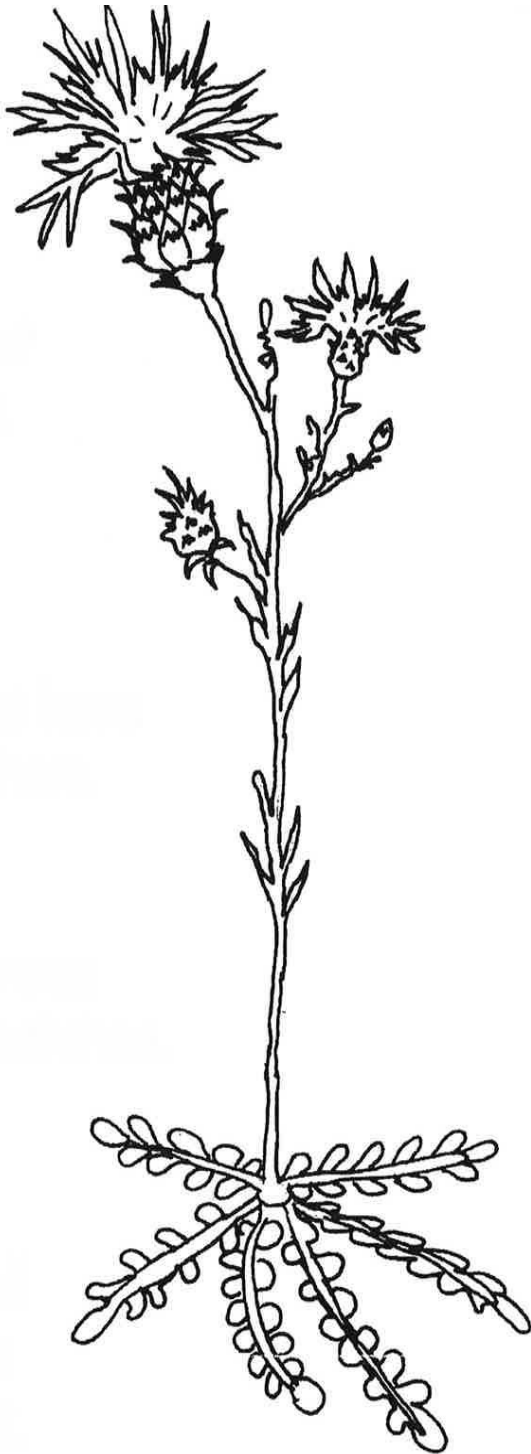
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Parts of a Plant



Spotted Knapweed



Public Enemy Number One!

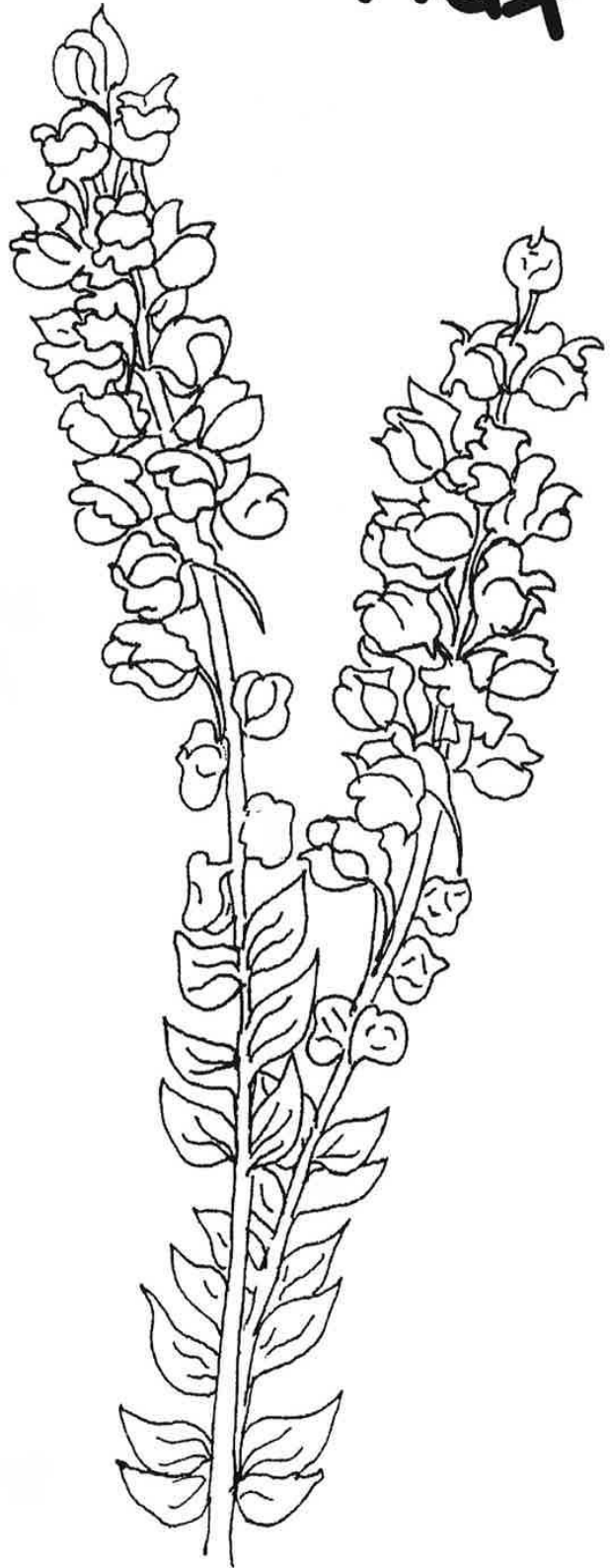
This is the most common noxious weed in Deschutes County. You will find it growing along roads, in forest areas, empty lots, and in fields and pastures.

Want to help get rid of this pest? Put on some garden gloves and just pull this bad guy right up out of the ground.

Dalmatian Toadflax

Pretty but Invasive

Don't be fooled by the bright yellow flowers of this noxious weed. This plant has escaped from its garden home and likes to take over open areas.

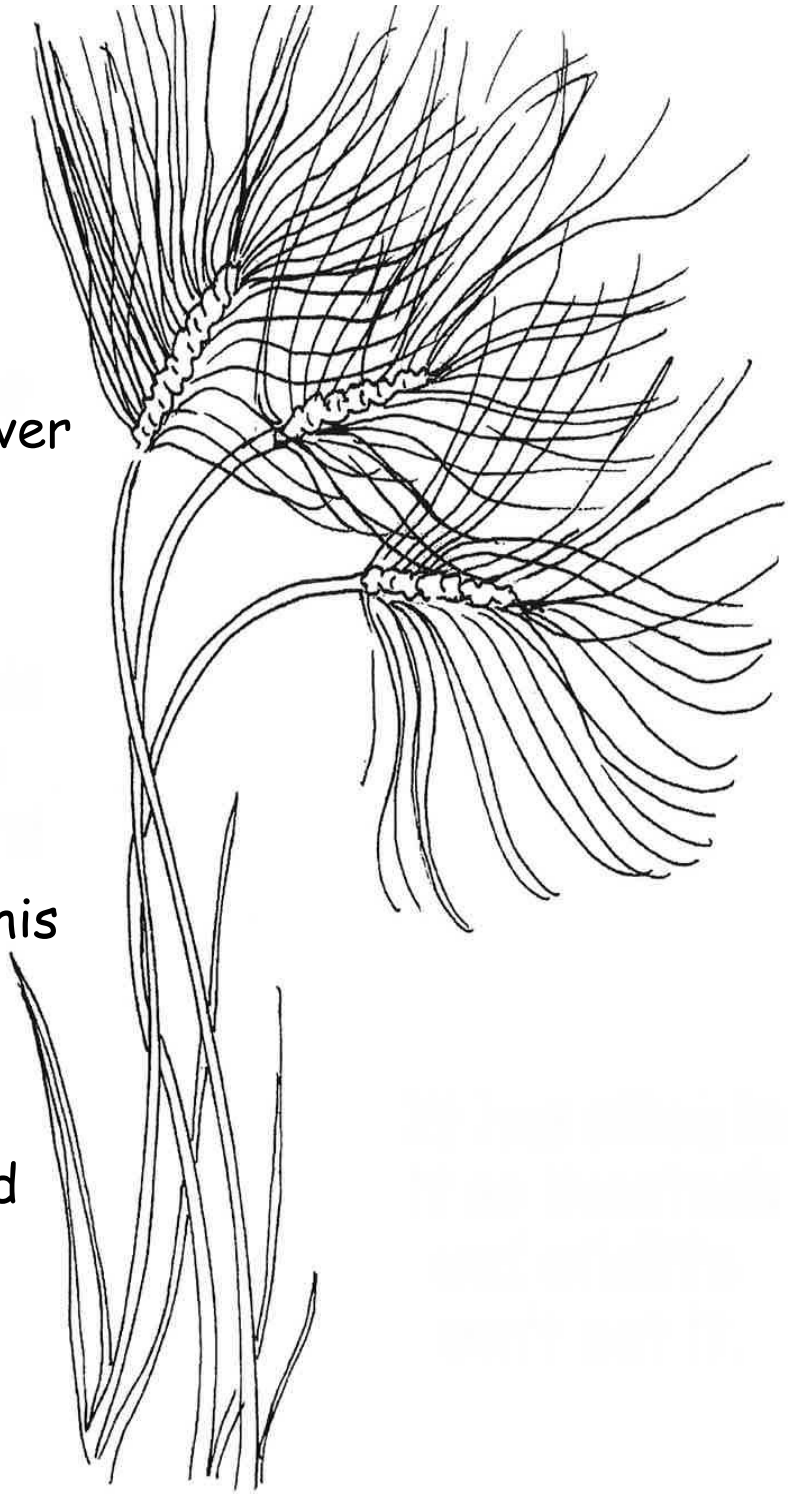


Medusahead

Highly Invasive!

This grass will take over areas so that native grasses and flowers cannot grow.

The sharp seeds of this plant can injure the mouths and eyes of wildlife, livestock, and pets.

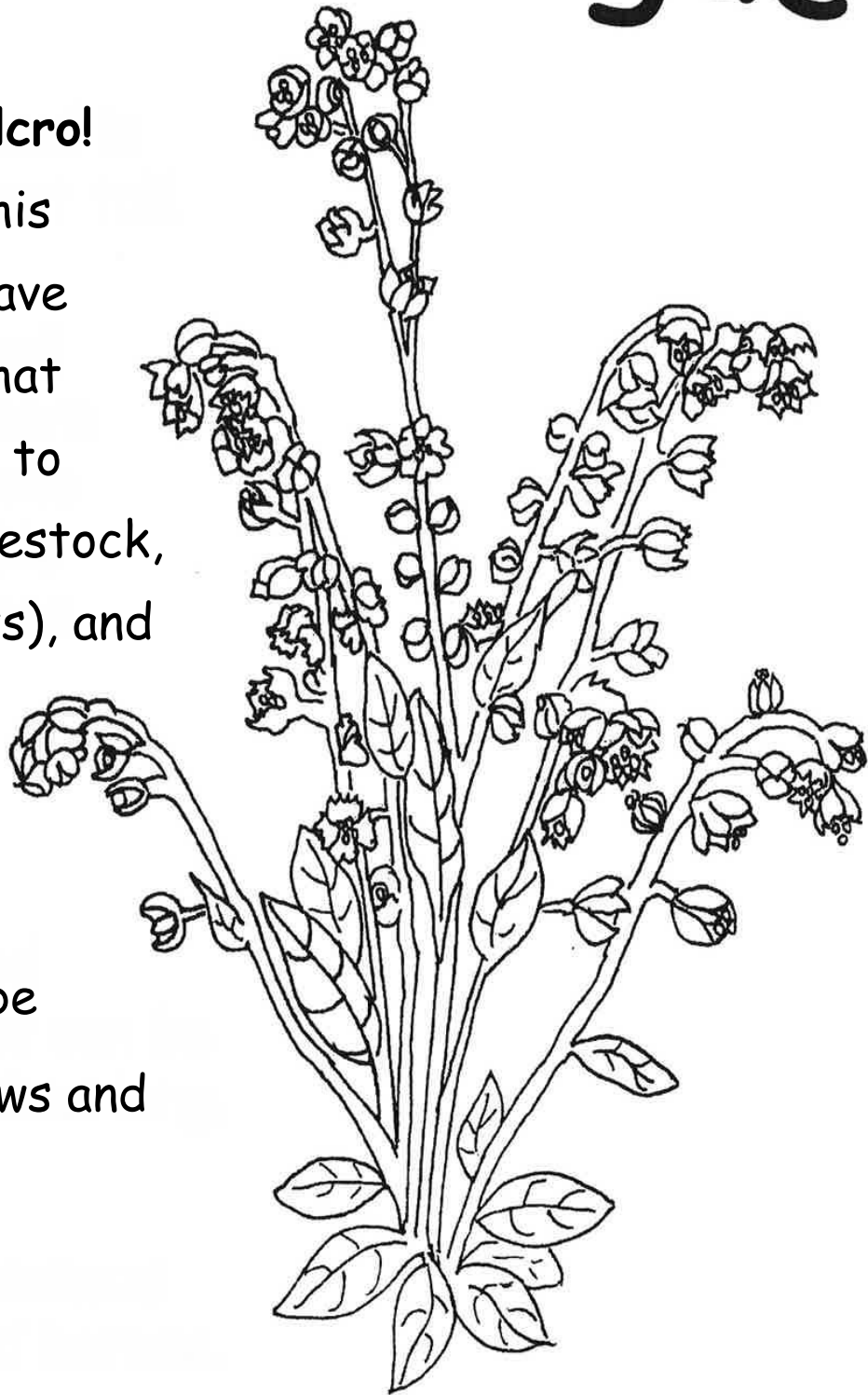


Houndstongue

Sticks Like Velcro!

The seeds of this noxious weed have curved hooks that allow the seeds to stick to fur (livestock, wildlife and pets), and to clothing.

This plant can be poisonous to cows and horses.



Canada Thistle

OUCH! The dark, green leaves of this plant is covered in sharp spines. It grows 3 to 4 feet tall and has light purple flowers.

