

Deschutes National Forest

Invasive Species to Watch Out For



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Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*)

Appearance: A bushy, winter-hardy, upright perennial forb up to 4 ft. tall, living 2-5 years.

Foliage: First year the plant is a rosette with lobed leaves. Subsequent years the foliage is alternate on stem, spiraling and jutting out and upward bluish green, hairy leaves.

Flowering Head: Egg-shaped flower bud covered in fringed green bracts with black tips that eventually part to allow a constricted pinkish-to-lavender thistle plume.

Fruit/Seeds: Tightly packed heads of oblong, brownish, hairy seeds, 0.1 in. long, topped by short stubby bristles that disperse like dandelion seeds.

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Orange Hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)

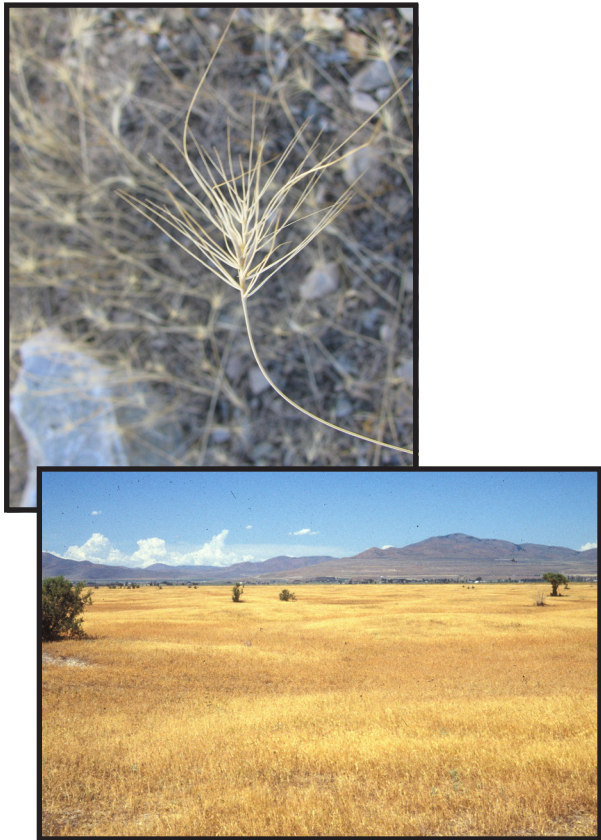
Appearance: A perennial plant that is 11.8-23.6 in. tall and produces a milky sap.

Foliage: Leaves are mostly at the base of the plant, elliptical, 2-8 in. long, 0.4-1.2 in. wide and covered with short, stiff, black hairs. There can be 10-30 flowering stems that can grow up to 2 ft. tall.

Flowering Head: Flowers are orange to red and are in compact clusters of 5 or more dandelion-like flowers on short hairy stalks at the top of plants.

Fruit/Seeds: Fruit is a dark seed with a tuft of white hair to be carried in the wind.

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Medusahead (*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*)

Appearance: An annual grass that is 8-24 in. tall and has distinct bristly seed heads and few leaves.

Foliage: Leaves are less than 0.13 in. wide. Each stem produces a single, short, spike-type seed head.

Flowers: flower heads develop at the top of the stems.

Fruit: Awns (a threadlike bristle) twist as they dry. The longer of the two awns in each spikelet is barbed.

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Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*)

Appearance: A short-lived, perennial herb that can grow 4 ft. tall. The overall form of the plant is narrow and upright, with multiple stems growing from a single woody base.

Foliage: Leaves are pale green, waxy, and heart-shaped, about 1-3 in. long, that clasp the stem at the base.

Flowering Head: Bright yellow, snapdragon-like flowers develop. Flowers, including the spur at the bottom, are 1.4-2 in. long and occur densely along the top of the stem.

Fruit/Seeds: Capsules that are 0.1-0.3 in. long and contain many seeds.

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