

Rio Grande National Forest

Invasive Species to Watch Out For

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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 steams 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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Oxeye Daisy (*Laucanthemum vulgare*)

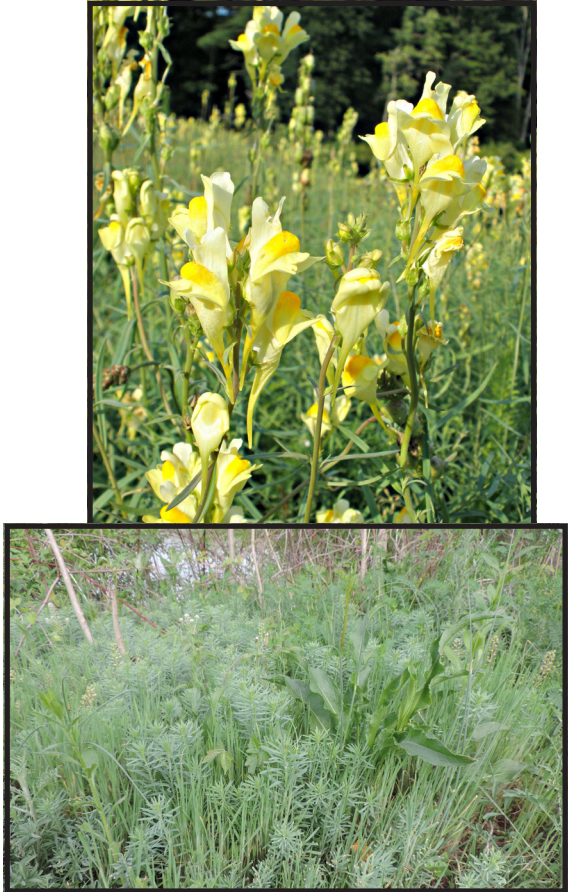
Appearance: A perennial herb that can reach 1-3 ft. tall.

Foliage: Leaves at the base of the plant are spoon-shaped. Leaves on the stem are alternate, 1-4 in. long, toothed (or lobed) and decrease in size closer to the top of the stem.

Flowering Head: Produces 1-40 flowering stems with daisy-like yellow and white flower heads, 1-2 in. across.

Fruit/Seeds: Each flower head can produce up to 200 flat seeds that are 0.08in. long.

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Yellow Toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)

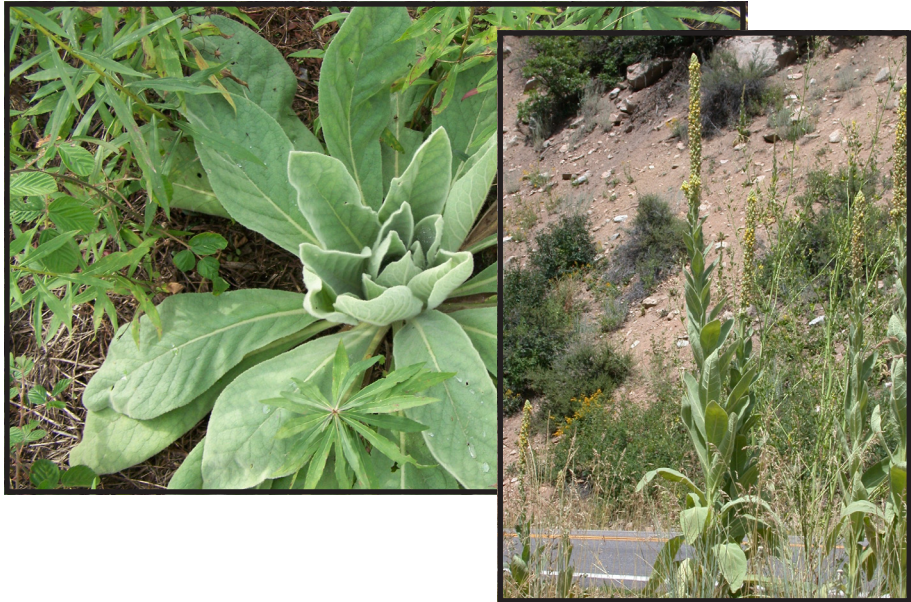
Appearance: A perennial herb that can reach 3.3 ft. tall with several erect, smooth stems.

Foliage: Leaves are drooping, linear, and 1-2 in. long.

Flowering Head: Yellow/white, snapdragon-like flowers, 0.6-1.2 in. long including the spur, develop in a spike at the tops of the stems.

Fruit/Seeds: Capsules 0.4-0.5 in. long with small, flat blackish seeds with a papery wing.

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Common Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*)


Appearance: A biennial forb, unbranched, and can grow to more than 6.6 ft. tall.

Foliage: First year plants develop as a rosette with leaves that are 4-12 in. long, 1-5 in. wide and covered with woolly hairs. Second year leaves are alternate and decrease in size towards the top of the stem.



Flowering Head: Five-petaled, yellow flowers are in a dense spike at the top of the stem the second year. Plants die after flowering.






Fruit/Seeds: An ovoid capsule that splits, releasing 100,000 to 180,000 seeds.

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