

# Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

## Invasive Species to Watch Out For

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### Rush Skeleton Weed (*Chondrilla juncea*)

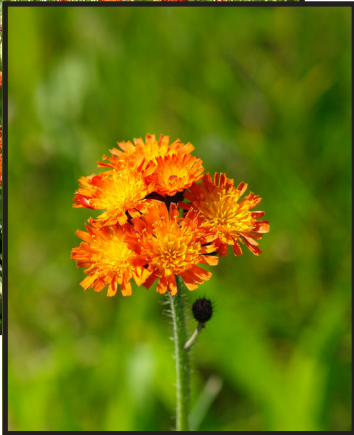
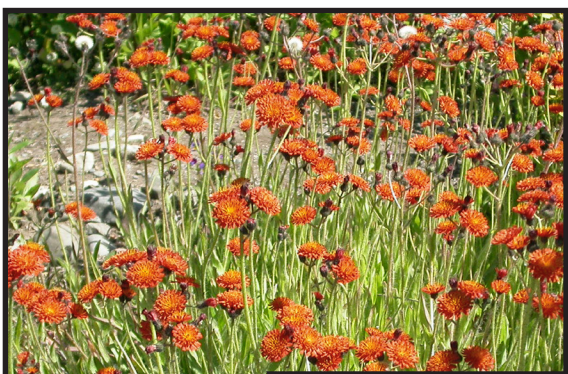
**Appearance:** A thin, spindly, extensively branching perennial forb that can grow up to 4 ft. tall.

**Foliage:** Inconspicuous leaves arise from a rosette at the base of the plant of sharply lobed leaves that are 2-5 in. long. Both stem and leaves produce a milky sap when broken.

**Flowering Head:** 0.5 in. across and yellow, occurring individually or in 2-5 flower clusters.

**Fruit/Seeds:** Fruit is oblong, tapered at both ends, pale to dark brown, and 0.11-0.15 in. long.

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### Orange Hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)

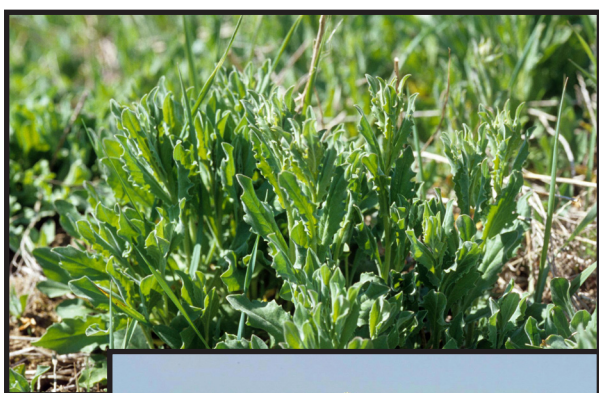
**Appearance:** A perennial plant that is 11.8-23.6 in. tall and produces a milky sap.

**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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### Whitetop (*Lepidium draba*)

**Appearance:** A perennial forb, erect or spreading, branched, that can grow up to 2 ft. tall.

**Foliage:** The leaves are alternate on the stem, soft, gray-green, 1.5-3 in. long with fine hairs and heart-shaped bases.

**Flowering Head:** White, four-petaled flowers develop in slightly domed clusters at the top of the stems/branches.

**Fruit/Seeds:** The fruit are heart-shaped seed pods.



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### Yellow starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*)

**Appearance:** An erect, branched annual or biennial plant can grow 0.25-3 ft. tall and has winged stems.

**Foliage:** Leaves near the base of the plant are deeply lobed, 2-6 in. long and may be absent when flowering. Leaves further up the stem are alternate, 0.4-4 in. long.

**Flowers:** Solitary yellow flower heads appear at the tips of the branches. Several long, sharp bracts around the flower head.

**Fruit:** Glossy, gray, tan or mottled cream and tan-colored seeds with a short, white tuft of hair.

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