



WeedWise

A conservation program of the *Clackamas SWCD*



Dalmatian toadflax (Linaria dalmatica)

WeedWise Program

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Riparian knotweed and butterfly bush management on the Sandy River.



WeedWise is managing puncturevine throughout Clackamas County.

WeedWise Approach

To improve the management of invasive weeds in Clackamas County, the WeedWise program has adopted three program initiatives designed to maximize our positive impacts.

Service & Assistance

Our Service and Assistance initiative is focused on helping local landowners to improve conditions on property they own and manage.

We work with county residents to answer questions about invasive weeds and help them to develop weed control strategies for use on land they manage.

Assessment & Prioritization

Managing invasive weeds across an area as large as Clackamas County is a major undertaking.

The WeedWise program works to maximize our impact by considering landscape level distributions of weeds. We evaluate the risks and the benefits of active management.

The WeedWise program uses this information to develop a list of

priority weeds and locations to target for containment and eradication efforts.

Invasive Weed Management

Implementation of on-the-ground invasive weed control is a primary focus of the WeedWise program.

Our management practices focus on cooperation with local and regional partners, but our most important partners are our private landowners.

The WeedWise program routinely works with private landowners to access and treat priority invasive weeds. Since invasive weeds ignore property boundaries, our efforts would not be possible without the willing participation of our cooperating landowners.

Many thanks to all of our cooperating landowners, partner organizations, and financial supporters!

Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs)

The WeedWise program administers and coordinates the [4-County CWMA](#), that serves the Portland Metropolitan Region, and the [Columbia Gorge CWMA](#) that serves the Columbia River Gorge and surrounding areas. Both CWMAs focus on improving the management of invasive weeds between nearly fifty partnering organizations.



Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP)

The WeedWise program administers and coordinates the [CRISP](#) collaborative partnership comprised of fourteen public and non-profit organizations. The goal of this partnership is to support invasive species control efforts in the Clackamas River Basin.

WeedWise Highlights

The WeedWise program initiatives focus on the active management of priority invasive weeds as well as providing assistance to Clackamas County residents.

In this past year the WeedWise program has:

- Sent targeted mailings to **2414 households**;
- Provided technical assistance to **255 residents**;
- Worked with **443 landowners** to implement weed projects;
- Expended **\$540,642** in support noxious weed control projects;
- Maintained active permissions with **1791 landowners**;
- Partnering with **58 public and non-profit organizations**;
- Documented **3,796 new weed observations** totaling **44 acres**;
- Completed **93 weed surveys** totaling **2,030 acres**;
- Implemented **921 treatments** totaling **13,782 acres**;
- Tracked **44,732 weed patches**;
- Administered **2 Cooperative Weed Management Areas**;

This past year the WeedWise program has worked on a number of large-scale projects including:

- *Rapid Response* weed control efforts across Clackamas County;
- Partnering with the **Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership** (CRISP) to control targeted invasive weeds;
- Targeted priority weed control efforts in the Mid-Willamette subbasin in cooperation with local partners;
- Assisted federal partners with the management of invasive weeds on the Mt Hood National Forest and BLM managed lands;
- Assisted with wildfire recovery efforts in affected areas of Clackamas County.
- Managed vegetation at the District's Eagle Creek Community Forest;
- Facilitated the *Backyard Habitat Certification Program* to target invasive weeds in the urban areas of Clackamas County.



Mouseear hawkweed is one of several hawkweeds being actively managed.



WeedWise shared its post-wildfire experiences with our CWMA partners.



Mt. Hood National Forest: This past year, the WeedWise program added three new team members to support post-wildfire infrastructure redevelopment on the Mt Hood National Forest following the Riverside and Beachie Creek Fires.

About WeedWise

Since 2009, the WeedWise program has been working to improve the management of invasive weeds in Clackamas County.

We provide assistance and technical information to local residents, and implement prioritized landscape-level management practices to target invasive weeds across Clackamas County.

Our team of dedicated professionals are working hard to protect the working lands and natural areas of Clackamas County. Their efforts help to preserve the livability of our communities from the threat of invasive weeds.

If you are working to control invasive weeds on property that you own or manage please contact the WeedWise program for assistance today!



This past year resulted in the discovery of several isolated garlic mustard infestations, which the WeedWise program is pivoting to manage.



This year we continued our priority weed project on [iNaturalist](#) which has captured 508 priority weed observations of 31 different species.



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