

# Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

*It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.*

**Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation.**

The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.



## Musk Thistle

Height 1.6–9.8 ft



Pink to purple flowers

Mature seedhead

## Canada Thistle

Height 1–3.9 ft



Pink to purple flowers

## Plumeless Thistle

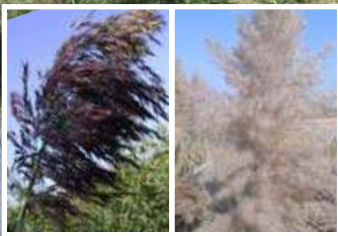
Height 1–4.9 ft



Purple flowers

## Phragmites

Height 3.2–20 ft

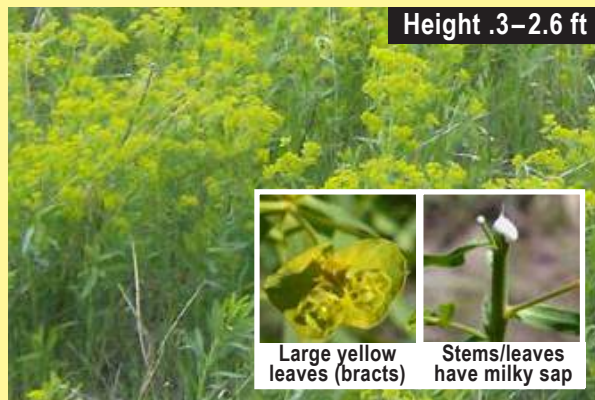


Young seedhead

Mature seedhead

## Leafy Spurge

Height .3–2.6 ft



Large yellow leaves (bracts)

Stems/leaves have milky sap

## Sericea Lespedeza

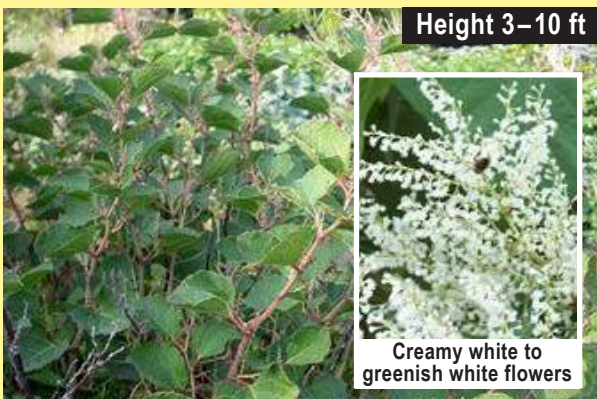
Height 1.5–6.5 ft



White or cream to yellowish white flowers

## Japanese Knotweed

Height 3–10 ft



Creamy white to greenish white flowers

## Giant Knotweed

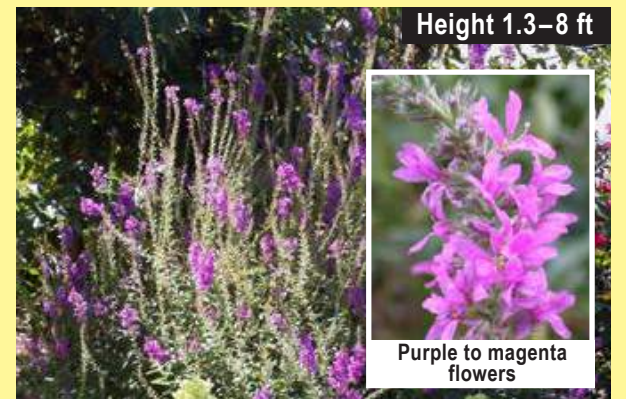
Height 8–13 ft



Creamy white to greenish white flowers

## Purple Loosestrife

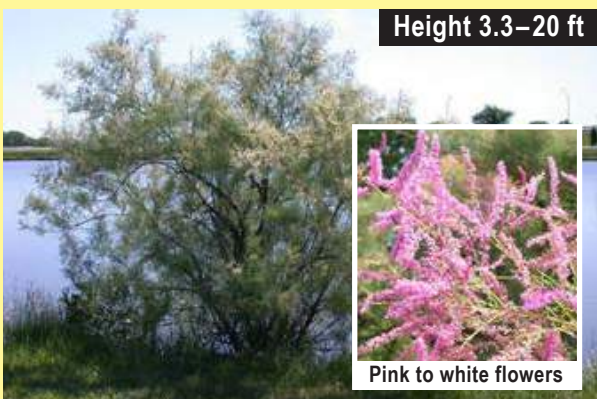
Height 1.3–8 ft



Purple to magenta flowers

## Saltcedar

Height 3.3–20 ft



Pink to white flowers

## Spotted Knapweed

Height 1–3.9 ft



Lavender to purple flowers

## Diffuse Knapweed

Height 1–3.9 ft



White/purplish flowers

## Lancaster County's Noxious Weeds

### Cutleaf Teasel

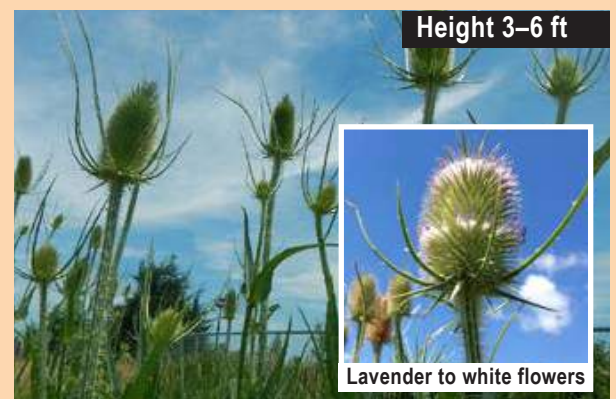
Height 4–8 ft



White flowers

### Common Teasel

Height 3–6 ft



Lavender to white flowers

**Good neighbors control noxious weeds** — If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association ([www.neweed.org](http://www.neweed.org)) or Nebraska Department of Agriculture.