

Current Status of Biological Weed Control Agents in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

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Bindweed, field (<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>)	<i>Aceria malherbae</i>	L	M	F	L	L	M	F	M	L	L	F	L
	<i>Tyta luctuosa</i>	L	L	P	U	U	U	U	U	L	L	U	L
Broom, French (<i>Genista monspessulana</i>)	<i>Bruchidius villosus</i>	W	H	G	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Broom, Scotch (<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>)	<i>Bruchidius villosus</i>	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M	L	U	U	U
	<i>Exapion fuscirostre</i>	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	L	L	U	U	U
	<i>Leucoptera spartifoliella</i>	W	M	P	L	L	M	P	L	—	—	—	—
Gorse (<i>Ulex europaeus</i>)	<i>Exapion ulicis</i>	W	H	G	M	M	H	F	L	—	—	—	—
	<i>Sericothrips staphylinus</i> *	L	U	U	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<i>Tetranychus lintearius</i>	W	L	P	U	W	L	P	L	—	—	—	—
Hawkweeds [mouse-ear (<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>); orange (<i>P. aurantiaca</i>); whiplash (<i>P. flagellaris</i>)]	<i>Aulacidea subterminalis</i> *	—	—	—	—	U	U	U	U	—	—	—	—
	<i>Cheilosia urbana</i> *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hemlock, poison (<i>Conium maculatum</i>)	<i>Agonopterix alstroemeriana</i>	W	L	P	L	W	L	P	L	L	L	P	L
Knapweed, diffuse (<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>)	<i>Bangasternus fausti</i>	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M	L	L	F	L
	<i>Cyphocleonus achates</i>	L	L	F	L	L	M	E	L	L	M	G	M
	<i>Larinus minutus</i>	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Pterolonche inspersa</i>	L	L	L	U	F	—	—	—	F	—	—	—
	<i>Sphenoptera jugoslavica</i>	W	H	G	L	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M
	<i>Urophora affinis</i>	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M
	<i>Urophora quadrifasciata</i>	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M
Knapweed, meadow (<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i> ; = <i>C. jacea</i> x <i>nigra</i> ; = <i>C. debeauxii</i> ; = <i>C. pratensis</i>)	<i>Larinus minutus</i>	L	M	F	L	L	M	F	L	—	—	—	—
	<i>Larinus obtusus</i>	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M	—	—	—	—
	<i>Urophora quadrifasciata</i>	W	L	F	L	L	M	F	M	—	—	—	—
Knapweed, Russian (<i>Rhaponticum repens</i> ; = <i>Acroptilon repens</i>)	<i>Aulacidea acroptilonica</i>	W	H	U	M	L	M	U	M	L	M	U	L
	<i>Jaapiella ivannikovi</i>	L	L	L	M	L	M	U	M	L	M	U	L
	<i>Subanguina picridis</i>	L	U	U	U	F	—	—	—	U	U	U	U
Knapweed, spotted (<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> ; = <i>C. stoebe</i> ssp. <i>micranthos</i>)	<i>Agapeta zoegana</i>	L	H	G	U	L	M	U	L	W	L	U	L
	<i>Bangasternus fausti</i>	W	L	G	M	L	L	U	L	L	U	U	L
	<i>Chaetorellia acrolophi</i>	L	L	F	L	L	L	U	L	L	L	U	L
	<i>Cyphocleonus achates</i>	W	M	F	M	L	M	F	L	L	M	G	M
	<i>Larinus minutus</i>	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Larinus obtusus</i>	W	H	E	M	L	M	G	M	L	M	F	L
	<i>Metzneria paucipunctella</i>	W	L	F	L	W	L	G	L	W	H	G	M
	<i>Sphenoptera jugoslavica</i>	W	H	G	L	W	H	G	M	L	L	P	L
	<i>Terellia virens</i>	L	M	G	L	L	U	U	U	L	U	U	U
	<i>Urophora affinis</i>	W	M	G	M	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M
	<i>Urophora quadrifasciata</i>	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M
Knotweed, giant (<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i> ; = <i>Polygonum sachalinense</i> ; = <i>Reynoutria sachalinensis</i>)	<i>Aphalara itadori</i> * – Hokkaido (northern) strain	U	U	U	L	U	U	U	L	—	—	—	—

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Knotweed [Japanese (<i>Fallopia japonica</i> ; = <i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> ; = <i>Reynoutria japonica</i>); Bohemian (<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i> ; = <i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i> ; = <i>Reynoutria x bohemica</i>)]	<i>Aphalara itadori</i> * – Kyushu (southern) strain	U	U	U	L	U	U	U	L	U	U	U	L
Loosestrife, purple (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>)	<i>Galerucella californiensis</i>	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Galerucella pusilla</i>	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Hylobius transversovittatus</i>	W	H	G	L	L	M	F	L	L	L	F	L
	<i>Nanophyes marmoratus</i>	W	M	F	M	L	M	F	M	W	L	F	M
Puncturevine (<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>)	<i>Microlarinus lareynii</i>	L	M	F	U	L	M	P	U	L	L	P	U
	<i>Microlarinus lypriformis</i>	F	—	—	—	U	U	U	U	L	L	P	U
Ragwort, tansy (<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i> ; = <i>Senecio jacobaea</i>)	<i>Botanophila seneciella</i>	W	H	F	M	W	H	G	M	L	L	F	U
	<i>Longitarsus jacobaeae</i>	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	W	H	G	L
	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i> *	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	—	—	—	N
Sage, Mediterranean (<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>)	<i>Phrydiuchus tau</i>	W	H	G	L	L	M	L	N	W	H	G	M
St. Johnswort (<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>)	<i>Agrilus hyperici</i>	L	H	E	L	L	H	E	L	W	H	E	M
	<i>Aplocera plagiata</i>	W	M	P	M	W	M	F	L	W	M	F	M
	<i>Chrysolina hyperici</i>	W	H	E	L	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Chrysolina quadrigemina</i>	W	H	E	L	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M
Saltcedar (<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>)	<i>Diorhabda carinulata</i> * (formerly <i>D. elongata</i>)	W	M	F	F	—	U	—	U	L	H	G	L
Skeletonweed, rush (<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>)	<i>Aceria chondrillae</i> (formerly <i>Eriophyes chondrillae</i>)	W	H	E	M	W	H	G	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Bradyrrhoa gilveolella</i>	L	S	U	U	U	U	U	U	L	M	G	L
	<i>Cystiphora schmidti</i>	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Puccinia chondrillina</i>	W	M	G	L	W	H	G	M	W	H	G	M
Spurge, leafy (<i>Euphorbia virgata</i> ; = <i>E. esula</i>)	<i>Aphthona cyparissiae</i>	L	H	E	L	L	M	F	L	L	L	G	M
	<i>Aphthona czwalinai</i>	L	H	E	M	L	L	U	U	L	L	G	M
	<i>Aphthona flava</i>	L	H	F	L	L	M	F	L	L	L	G	M
	<i>Aphthona lacertosa</i>	W	H	E	M	L	M	U	L	W	H	E	M
	<i>Aphthona nigriscutis</i>	W	H	E	M	L	M	F	U	W	H	E	M
	<i>Hyles euphorbiae</i>	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	W	M	G	M
	<i>Oberea erythrocephala</i>	W	L	G	M	L	U	U	U	W	H	E	M
Starthistle, yellow (<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>)	<i>Bangasternus orientalis</i>	W	L	P	L	W	L	P	L	W	L	P	M
	<i>Ceratopion basicorne</i> *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<i>Chaetorellia australis</i>	W	H	E	M	W	M	G	M	W	M	G	M
	<i>Eustenopus villosus</i>	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Larinus curtus</i>	W	H	E	M	W	M	F	L	W	H	E	M
	<i>Puccinia jacea</i> var. <i>solstitialis</i>	L	S	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
	<i>Urophora sirunaseva</i>	W	L	P	L	W	L	U	L	W	L	U	L
Thistle, bull (<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>)	<i>Urophora stylata</i>	W	H	G	M	L	M	F	L	L	L	U	L
Thistle, Canada (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>)	<i>Hadroplontus litura</i> (formerly <i>Ceutorhynchus litura</i>)	L	H	P	U	L	M	F	L	L	L	F	L
	<i>Puccinia punctiformis</i>	L	H	G	L	U	U	U	U	L	L	L	U*
	<i>Rhinocyllus conicus</i> *	W	H	F	N	W	H	F	N	W	F	F	N
	<i>Urophora cardui</i>	W	H	P	M	W	H	F	M	L	M	F	M

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Thistle, Italian (<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>)	<i>Cheilosia grossa</i> (formerly <i>C. corydon</i>)	W	H	L	L	—	—	—	N	—	—	—	N
	<i>Rhinocyllus conicus</i> *	W	H	G	N	—	—	—	N	L	H	G	N
	<i>Trichosiocalus horridus</i> *	W	H	U	N	—	—	—	N	L	L	U	N
Thistle, milk (<i>Silybum marianum</i>)	<i>Rhinocyllus conicus</i> *	W	H	G	N	—	—	—	N	—	—	—	—
Thistle, musk (<i>Carduus nutans</i>)	<i>Rhinocyllus conicus</i> *	W	H	G	N	W	H	G	N	W	H	G	N
	<i>Trichosiocalus horridus</i> *	L	M	G	N	—	—	—	N	L	M	G	N
Thistle, plumeless (<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>)	<i>Rhinocyllus conicus</i> *	L	H	G	N	W	H	G	N	W	H	G	N
	<i>Trichosiocalus horridus</i> *	U	U	U	U	L	L	U	N	L	L	U	N
Thistle, slenderflower (<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>)	<i>Cheilosia grossa</i> (formerly <i>C. corydon</i>)	W	M	F	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<i>Rhinocyllus conicus</i> *	W	H	G	N	—	—	—	N	—	—	—	—
	<i>Trichosiocalus horridus</i> *	W	H	F	N	—	—	—	N	—	—	—	—
Toadflax, Dalmatian (<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>)	<i>Brachypterolus pulicarius</i>	W	M	P	M	W	M	P	M	W	H	E	M
	<i>Calophasia lunula</i>	L	L	P	U	W	H	F	M	W	L	U	L
	<i>Mecinus janthiniformis</i> (formerly <i>M. janthinus</i>)	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M	W	H	E	M
Toadflax, yellow (<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>)	<i>Brachypterolus pulicarius</i>	L	M	F	L	L	M	F	L	L	M	P	L
	<i>Calophasia lunula</i>	L	U	U	U	L	M	F	L	L	M	F	L
	<i>Rhinusa antirrhini</i> (formerly <i>Gymnetron antirrhini</i>)	W	M	U	L	L	H	G	L	L	M	U	L
	<i>Rhinusa pilosa</i> *	L	U	U	U	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<i>Mecinus janthinus</i>	L	H	E	L	L	M	U	U	L	H	E	L
Watermilfoil, Eurasian (<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>)	<i>Euhrychiopsis lecontei</i> *	L	L	U	U	W	M	F	U	W	L	F	L
Whitetop or hoary cress (<i>Lepidium draba</i>)	<i>Aceria drabae</i> *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

¹ Distribution within host range: W = widespread; L = limited sites; F = failed to establish; U = unknown status; — = not released
² Attack rate host: H = heavy (> 70%); M = medium (> 30%); L = light (> 10%); S = slight (< 1%); U = unknown status
³ Control ability on seeds and/or plant density: E = excellent; G = good; F = fair; P = poor; U = undetermined
⁴ Availability for redistribution: M = mass collections; L = limited (Limited availability indicates biocontrol agent populations are slow in building or are recently introduced. Work on these species should be coordinated through biological control specialists at the state department of agriculture or state university); U = unavailable; N = not recommended. These biocontrol agents may attack native species and interstate shipments are no longer permitted.
*Indicates biocontrol agents where redistribution limitations may apply. See Table 2 for additional information.