

Arizona State Noxious Weed List
Effective December 29, 2023
Species Added highlighted in yellow

Table 4. Class A Noxious Weeds

Common name	Scientific name
African rue	<i>Peganum harmala</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Dudaim melon	<i>Cucumis melo v. Dudaim Naudin</i>
Dyer's woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>
Floating water hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>
Giant salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>
Globe-podded hoary cress	<i>Cardaria draba</i>
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
Plumeless thistle	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>
Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
Quackgrass	<i>Elymus repens (Elytrigia repens)</i>
Rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
Southern sandbur	<i>Cenchrus echinatus</i>
Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea stoebe ssp. micranthos</i>
Sweet resinbush	<i>Euryops subcarnosus</i>
Ward's weed	<i>Carrichtera annua</i>
Wild mustard	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>

Table 5. Class B noxious weeds

Common name	Scientific name
African sumac	<i>Searsia lancea</i>
Black mustard	<i>Brassica nigra</i>
Branched broomrape	<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>
Bull thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum (A. pseudalhagi)</i>
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica (L. genistifolia v. dalmatica)</i>
Diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
Field sandbur	<i>Cenchrus spinifex (synonym: C. incertus)</i>
Giant reed	<i>Arundo donax</i>
Halogeton	<i>Halogeton glomeratus</i>
Jointed goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>
Malta starthistle	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
Musk thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
Natal grass	<i>Melinis repens</i>
Onionweed	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>
Ripgut brome	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>
Russian knapweed	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>
Russian olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
Saharan mustard	<i>Brassica tournefortii</i>
*Siberian elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>
Stinknet (Globe chamomile)	<i>Oncosiphon pilulifer (O. piluliferum)</i>

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Table 5 continued. Class B noxious weeds

Common name	Scientific name
Scotch thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
Stinknet/Globe chamomile	<i>Oncosiphon piluliferum</i>
Yellow bluestem	<i>Bothriochloa ischaemum</i>
Yellow starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>

Table 6. Class C noxious weeds

Common name	Scientific name
Buffelgrass	<i>Pennisetum ciliare (Cenchrus ciliaris)</i>
Cheatgrass	<i>Bromus tectorum</i>
Field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
Fountain grass	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>
Garden or common morning glory	<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i>
Grannyvine	<i>Ipomoea tricolor</i>
Ivy-leaf morning glory	<i>Ipomoea hederacea</i>
Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
Kochia	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>
Lehman's lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis lehmanniana</i>
Morning glory	<i>Ipomoea triloba</i>
Morning glory	<i>Ipomoea x leucantha</i>
Puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
Red brome	<i>Bromus rubens</i>
Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix spp.</i>
*Siberian elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>
Tree of heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Yellow = Added to State List	
*Siberian elm	Being listed as both Class B and Class C due to region. Treated as Class B where spread is limited and considered manageable while still needing treatment/eradication. Treated as Class C in areas where spread is already established in large areas while still needing treatment.

Species Dropped:

Common name	Scientific name	Reason for dropping
Alligator weed	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	Not in or near AZ.
Carolina horsenettle	<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	Looks like <i>S. elaeagnifolium</i> , which is very common. Only 1 documented <i>S. carolinense</i> in AZ, in Phx in 1955.
Common purslane	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Very common in AZ.
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta spp.</i>	All 16 species in AZ are native
Perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	Seinet documents only in 4 Corners area, but prob much more widespread and common. An agricultural weed.
Puna grass	<i>Achnatherum brachychaetum (Stipa brachychaeta)</i>	Documented only in CA, W side of state, N of L.A.

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Serrated tussock	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	Documented only in Australia and Argentina
Tansy ragwort	<i>Senecia jacobaea</i>	Nearest documented specimen is in Oregon near the ocean
Torpedo grass	<i>Panicum repens</i>	Documented only in SE US and Australia
Tropical soda apple	<i>Solanum viarum</i>	Documented only in L.A. and SE US E of Louisiana
Water chestnut	<i>Trapa natans</i>	Documented only in L.A. (1 site)
Witchweed	<i>Striga</i> spp.	Documented only in San Francisco, 1 site, IL & NY. Not common there either.

Updated list obtained from the Arizona Department of Agriculture noxious weed list:
<https://agriculture.az.gov/pestspest-control/agriculture-pests/noxious-weeds>