



This long-awned grass species hasn't been found in Wyoming yet. It can injure livestock, dramatically reduce grazing, and increase fire danger.



This was found outside of Casper in 2012 and has been declared noxious in Colorado. It has a seed dormancy of at least 120 years!



A perennial from the sunflower family, this has been found in Wyoming before. It can decrease forage quality and quantity.

KEEPING WYOMING SAFE FROM INVASION: IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL WEED PROBLEMS

Weeds are always on the move. Anybody who has dealt with weeds knows that they are hard to keep from spreading. It's what makes them weeds in many cases.

With as many weeds as it seems like we have in Wyoming, there are more out there that are potential problems. They are always lurking, waiting for their opportunity to invade our ecosystems.

If you were to come across these weeds in Wyoming, would you be able to identify them and help protect our state against these invaders? Some are already here but not widespread and need to be watched.

Match the name and description to the picture and see.

If you see these weeds in Wyoming, report them! Russian sage should only be reported if it is growing outside of flowerbeds or home landscape environments. Early detection rapid response (EDRR) is vital to protecting Wyoming from weeds.

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This Eurasian native is a widely planted ornamental, but weed scientists are watching it closely due to its incredible adaptation to Wyoming's climate and prolific seed production. It may have begun to move out of flowerbeds and into canyons in Fremont County.



This spiny plant can injure livestock and poison cattle. It has been documented in Wyoming but has been eradicated.

A. Medushead wildrye (*Taenatherum caput-medusae*); B. Moth mullein (*Verbascum blattaria* L.); C. Rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*); D. Russian sage (*Ferovskia atriplicifolia*); E. Yellow starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*)