

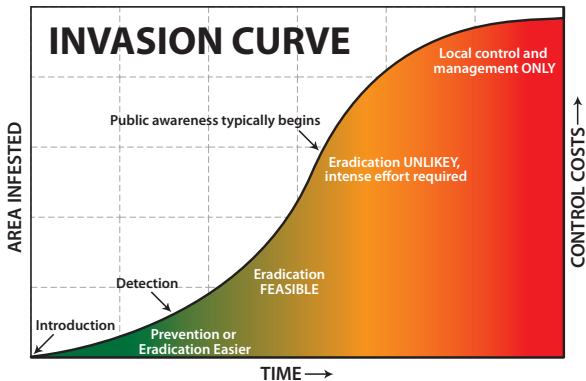
Weed Watchers EDRR ID Guide

For the Tualatin River Watershed



Introduction to Early Detection and Rapid Response

Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) is an approach to invasive species management that focuses on surveying and monitoring areas to find and treat infestations at their earliest stages of invasion. Monitoring can be conducted actively or passively. In active monitoring, an individual visits a site regularly and thoroughly surveys for a particular species or set of species. In passive monitoring, new invasives are found as you do your regular activities such as walking, hiking or riding in a vehicle. Once a targeted species is found, control measures are implemented rapidly to prevent establishment and spread. After prevention, EDRR is the most successful, cost-effective, and least environmentally damaging means of invasive species control.



Tualatin River Watershed Weed Watchers

The Tualatin River Watershed Weed Watchers Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) Program is a partnership between volunteers, non-profits, and government agencies. Volunteers and staff look for and report new, high priority invasive species in the Tualatin River Watershed. Reports are then investigated and infestations are controlled by various partnering groups and/or agencies.

This EDRR weed identification guide was developed to aid in identifying, detecting, and reporting the weeds that have been given priority for early detection and rapid response in the Tualatin River Watershed. Thank you in advance for your commitment to keeping invasive weeds out of our region.

Become a Weed Watcher!

We provide free trainings to individuals, groups, and organizations so they can help in the effort to prevent new invasive species from establishing in the region. We need your help! To become a Weed Watcher or to get more booklets, contact TSWCD at (503) 648-3174, extension 5.

Watch for weeds, but don't spread 'em: Take care not to spread invasive plant seeds or materials or live animals as you hike, bike, or boat! Brush off your boots, bike, and dog before leaving an infested area. If you get in water, clean and dry your boat and gear before going to a new place.

Web Resources

Descriptions and photos of listed Noxious Weeds in the State of Oregon:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS>

Photographs of and control information for invasive species:

<http://www.invasive.org>

General invasive species information and resources:

<http://emswcd.org/weeds>

<http://www.opb.org/programs/invasives>

[http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsandplants/
noxious-weeds.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsandplants/noxious-weeds.aspx)

<http://www.invasivespeciesoforegon.com>

<http://www.westerninvasivesnetwork.org>

<http://www.4countycwma.org/>

How to Report

Step 1: Collect information about your sighting

If you suspect that you have found any of the weeds included in this ID guide in the Tualatin River Watershed, please record the following information so that we can follow up on your report.

1. Take a picture of the plant: Include something to show scale (a ruler or a common object like a quarter) and close-ups of distinctive features of the plant. Take your time to make sure the photo is in focus.

2. Collect a written description of the plant: Flower color, shape and size; leaf shape/size; is the plant hairy, etc.

3. Collect location information: GPS coordinates are the best, written directions to the site work too. The closest address, intersection or mile marker, or how far past a trail or bridge crossing, as well as nearby landmarks are most helpful.

4. What is the size of infestation: How many feet wide and how many feet long is the weed patch? Or you may estimate the number of plants at the site.

Step 2-Report your EDRR sighting

There are a two ways to report your EDRR sighting:

Online: The easiest reporting method is through the online Oregon Invasive Species Hotline website.

Visit www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org and click on the *(reporting instructions continue on back of this card)*

'Report Now' button. Fill out the form, making sure you provide all of the information listed above. Make sure to add your images of the plant. **Important:** Always include your contact information so we can follow up with you. Often we need more information before we can respond to a report.

Phone: If you don't have access to the internet, the second way to report an EDRR sighting is by phone. Please leave a message on how we can contact you to talk about your sighting if we don't catch your call.

- Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
(503) 648-3174, extension 5
- Tualatin River Watershed Council
(503) 846-4810 trwc@easystreet.net
- Tualatin Riverkeepers (503) 620-7507
hotline@tualatinriverkeepers.org

What We Will Do

If a species from this guide is reported to us, we will contact the landowner and request permission to visit the reported site. We will then visit the site to verify the species, determine the most effective response, and begin control of the species as soon as possible.

For several species in this guide, control is only available in certain areas or habitats. If such limitations exist for a particular weed, this information can be found on its identification card.