

Ag & Environmental Services Newsletter

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NEW WILD CARAWAY BYLAW

Wild Caraway (*Carum carvi*) also known as Common Caraway has been elevated to a noxious weed in the Crowsnest Pass. It is the property owner or occupiers' responsibility to control this noxious plant and prevent further spread of its seeds.

Wild Caraway is a biennial plant, meaning it grows a low-lying rosette the first year and then shoots up to a flowering plant in its second year.

This plant is native to Eurasia and was brought to Canada for cultivation, it has since escaped and become established as an invasive species in some parts of Alberta. Here in the Crowsnest Pass we can keep this plant under control by repeated hand-pulling and cutting down the plant before seed set.

If you believe you have seen these plants, please contact the Agriculture & Environmental Department by clicking the reporting website link. [Omnigo Software - Online Reporting Main](#)



NOTICE OF WEED CONTROL PROGRAM

Commencing May 15- October 31, 2023

As designated by the Alberta Weed Control Act, the Municipality will be conducting vegetation management via an Integrated Vegetation Management Program. Municipal contract sprayers will be conducting herbicide applications (weather permitting).

Due diligence with regards to public safety and environmental impact will be followed. The risk is minimal though it is recommended to stay off treated sprayed areas for 24 hours following the application date which can be found on signs posted at the site.

Municipal Weed Inspectors will be inspecting private properties, acreages, and industrial sites for regulated weeds.



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Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System

EDDMapS is a user-friendly reporting system made for documenting pest distribution and invasive species.

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These records are shared with land managers, educators, biologists, agricultural fieldman and more!

This data will help provide the foundation for a better understanding of invasive species and their distribution. EDDMapS has already had 7.6 million records entered as of April 2023!

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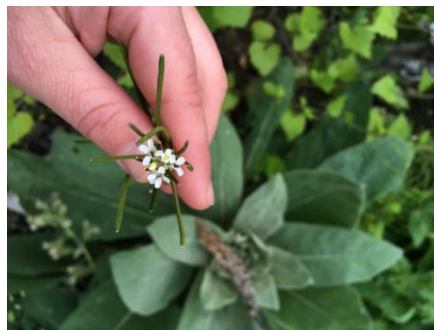
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NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH BLACK HENBANE

*Yellow to cream, bell-shaped flowers, many purple veins
Entire plant is covered in hairs, it has a thick fleshy taproot.*



PROHIBITED NOXIOUS WEED OF THE MONTH GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic odour when crushed, slender white taproot with s-bend below ground level, four white petaled flowers.