

# Environmental Services Newsletter

May 2024



## Weed Season Has Arrived!

As the weather begins to warm up in the Crowsnest Pass and we head outside for our favourite activities, it is important to take measures to protect the biodiversity in the Crowsnest Pass.

You don't need to be a land manager or field technician to do this- just ensuring you have cleaned, drained, and dried your watercrafts and scraped your boots clean before leaving the recreation site, are all preventative actions that help in combating the fight against invasive species.

Over the month of May, weeds that overwintered as rosettes will continue to grow before they bolt up and flower. This is a great time to inspect your property for any invasive plants. When removing invasive rosettes, try to remove as much of the root as possible to prevent regrowth.

If you are unsure what to look for, you can find some great information on our website or at [abinvasives.ca](http://abinvasives.ca). If you think you may have a weed infestation or have a weed concern within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, please submit an online report by scanning the QR code on page 3.

## NOTICE OF VEGETATION PROGRAM

*Municipal spray contract commences  
May 15- October 31, 2024*

Municipal contracted sprayers will be conducting herbicide applications on regulated noxious and prohibited noxious weeds on Municipal properties.

Due diligence regarding public safety and environmental health will be followed. The risk is minimal though it is recommended to stay off treated sites for 24 hours following the application time which can be found on posted signage at the site.

Municipal weed inspectors will be conducting inspections on private properties, industrial sites, and acreages.

For any questions, please contact Environmental Services Department.

# WANTED!



## WEED WARRIORS!

We are seeking a few brave able-bodied volunteers of all ages to help us in the ongoing battle of removing (by hand-pulling) invasive plants.

Wednesdays

9am-12pm

June, July, & August

We are dedicated to stopping invasive plants from threatening & overtaking various native populations in Crowsnest Pass

Conservation minded volunteers are needed to assist us in this fight. No experience is needed, drop-ins are welcome. Please bring your friends, family, water, & a snack. Remember to come with weather appropriate clothing. We will provide gloves.



### JUNE

- 5** Drum Creek | Hillcrest  
229 St & 4 Ave, Hillcrest Mines
- 12** Gold Creek | Frank  
West end of Old Frank Road | 152 Street, Frank
- 19** Crowsnest River | Frank | Hwy 3 Picnic Shelter  
(Parking lot between Frank and Blairmore)
- 26** Crowsnest River | Blairmore  
Parking Lot on 129 St, North of 21 Ave, Blairmore

### JULY

- 3** Lyons Creek | 19 Ave & 132 St, Blairmore
- 10** York Creek | 111 St, Blairmore (Across from Kanata)
- 17** Lyons Creek | 16 Ave & 132 St, Blairmore
- 24** Crowsnest River | 20 Ave & 112 St, Blairmore  
(Kanata Parking Lot)
- 31** Crowsnest River | 217 St & 9 Ave, Hillcrest Mines  
(West side of river)

### AUGUST

- 7** Crowsnest River | Hillcrest | SWIM BBQ Event  
221 St & 8 Ave, Hillcrest Mines (East side of river)
- 14** Crowsnest River | Coleman  
81 St & 14 Ave, Coleman (North side of river)
- 21** Crowsnest River | Coleman  
83 St Bridge, Coleman (South side of river)
- 28** Nez Perce Creek | Coleman  
Flumerfelt Park | 20 Ave & 76 St, Coleman

# WEED OF THE MONTH



## Questions for the Environmental Services Department?

You can catch us at the Community Markets the first Thursday in June, July, August, and September!

We can also be reached by phone at 403-563-8833 or 403-562-8600.

Be sure to check out our website for information on common invasive species in the Crowsnest Pass and learn more about the native species we are trying to protect!



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS

## Orange Hawkweed

*Pilosella aurantiaca*

Perennial

### Key ID Features

- Red-orange dandelion-like flower
  - 15-60 cm tall
- Flowers on end of each stem
  - Fibrous roots with mat forming stolons
- Bracts covered in coarse black hairs
  - Basal rosettes
  - Erect stems
- Numerous hairs on upper and lower leaves

### Treatment Options

- Handpull
- Herbicide prior to flowering
- Treatment post flowering can facilitate seed production



**REPORT A WEED**