

English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)

Characteristics:

- Juvenile leaves lobed; mature leaves larger and pointed with no lobes
- Green or white flowers produce black berries
- Leaves alternate, waxy
- Perennial



Tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*)

Characteristics:

- Biennial or short lived perennial
- Blooms midsummer to fall
- Grows 1.5-6 feet tall
- Leaves dark green, deeply lobed
- Numerous seed heads with multiple, yellow, multi-rayed flowers



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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To report sightings of new invaders, contact Benton SWCD or visit the Oregon Department of Agriculture on-line mapping website at www.weedmapper.org.



About the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District:

Our mission is provide leadership to Benton County residents through education and technical assistance for conservation and responsible use and management of soil, water, and related resources.

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Butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*)

SELECTED NOXIOUS WEEDS OF BENTON COUNTY



Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*)



Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)

Characteristics:

- 12-48 in. tall when flowering (second year)
- First year plants consist of a cluster of 3 or 4 kidney-shaped, scallop-edged leaves
- Leaves and stems smell like garlic when crushed
- White flowers have four separate petals forming a cross
- Taproot is slender, white, and "s"-shaped at the top
- New invader in Benton County
- Report sightings!



First year—rosette stage



Second year—flowering stage

Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*)

Characteristics:

- Perennial, blooms July-October
- Grows 4-9 ft. tall
- Has long, creeping rhizomes
- Stems hollow, reddish
- Spreads via stem and root fragments
- Flowers greenish-white to cream, in clusters



Meadow knapweed (*Centaurea pratensis*)

Characteristics:

- Blooms mid-summer to fall
- Up to 3.5 feet tall
- Grows from a woody crown
- A hybrid, traits can vary



Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)

Characteristics:

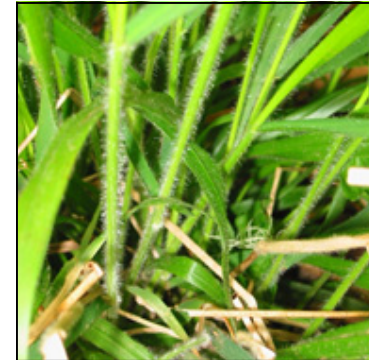
- Seeds long-lived (50+ years)
- Blooms April-June
- Grows 3-10 feet tall



False brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*)

Characteristics:

- Shade and drought tolerant
- Perennial bunchgrass
- Stems hollow
- Leaf margins and lower stems hairy
- Flower spikes droop noticeably
- Spikelets not stalked
- Can dominate forest understory



Spurge laurel (*Daphne laureola*)

Characteristics:

- Evergreen with waxy, spiraling leaves
- Flowers late winter/early spring
- Produces clusters of blue berries in spring
- Shade tolerant, can dominate forest understory
- Plant parts *toxic to humans*
- Grows 0.5-1.5 m tall

