Noxious Weeds in Snohomish County

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- **Bull thistle** (*Cirsium vulgare*)
- **Tansy ragwort** (*Senecio jacobea*)
- **Poison hemlock** (*Conium maculatum*)
- **Policeman’s helmet** (*Impatiens glandulifera*)
- **Giant hogweed** (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
- **Gorse** (*Ulex europaeus*)
- **Cordgrass** (*Spartina alterniflora*)
- **Garlic mustard** (*Alliaria petiolata*)

Noxious weeds overtake native plants and wildlife habitat. Control these plants when you see them to prevent spreading.
Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)

Rosettes form in the first year.

Sharp spines surround the flowerheads.

Branching 2 to 7 feet tall.
**Tansy ragwort** (*Senecio jacobea*)

13 daisy like petals.

First year ruffled leaves rosette.

2 to 4 feet tall.
**Poison hemlock** (*Conium maculatum*)

Small, white, 5-petaled flowers. Can grow up to 8 feet tall.

Fernlike leaves with strong musty smell.

Purple splotches on stem.
Policeman’s helmet (*Impatiens glandulifera*)

- Pale pink or purplish flowers.
- Leaves are oval-shaped, coarsely toothed.
- Stem ranging from 3 – 10 feet tall.
**Giant hogweed** (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

Can grow up to 15 feet tall.

Leaves are 2 to 5 feet wide with jagged edges.

**NOT** giant hogweed. This is cow parsnip (native plant). Grows up to 6 feet tall.
Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)

- Evergreen shrub, closely resembles Scotch broom.
- Has sharp spiny thorns.
- Has bright yellow pea-like flowers.
Cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*)

Aquatic grasses that grow on tidal mud flats, marshes and coastal estuaries.

Light yellow flowers.

Spartina seedling.
Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)

First year rosette.

Second year plants. Can grow up to 3 feet tall.

White flowers with four petals.