



Status List for Priority Invasive Plants in the Capital Region

This priority invasive plant status list for the Capital Region (Vancouver Island) helps guide priorities in the region including reporting, education, invasive management and planning. Local jurisdictions of the Capital Region may have their own species status (within their jurisdiction), priorities and special concerns.




Prevent Species:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Special Concern
<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	Jointed Goatgrass	BC
<i>Ammophila breviligulata</i>	American beachgrass	
<i>Berteroa incana</i>	Hoary alyssum	
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	Slender False Brome	
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Flowering Rush	BC
<i>Centaurea militensis</i>	Maltese Starthistle	
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Starthistle	BC
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy Spurge	
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	Hydrilla	BC
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	Two-Leaf Watermilfoil	
<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	Wild Parsnip	
<i>Peuraria montana</i>	Kudzu	BC
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	Sulphur Cinquefoil	
<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	Russian Knapweed	
<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	Dense-flowered Cordgrass	BC
<i>Spartina patens</i>	Salt Meadowgrass	BC
<i>Spartina anglica</i>	English Cordgrass	BC
<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	Smooth Cordgrass	BC



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CL	Established infestations common and widespread throughout the Capital Region. Focus control in high value conservation areas.	Control
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Eradicate Species:



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<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Wild Chervil	
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	BC
<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	Diffuse Knapweed	
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Black Knapweed	
<i>Centaurea stoebe ssp. micranthos</i>	Spotted Knapweed	
<i>Cytisus multiflorus</i>	White-flowered broom	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Blueweed	
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge	
<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i>	Bohemian Knotweed	
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Japanese Knotweed	
<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	Giant Knotweed	
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shiny Geranium	BC
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	Giant Mannagrass	
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Giant Hogweed	
<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	Orange Hawkweed	
<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed	
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Policeman's Helmet	
<i>Linaria genistifolia ssp. dalmatica</i>	Dalmatian Toadflax	
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Yellow Toadflax	
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch Thistle	
<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	Himalayan Knotweed	
<i>Phragmites australis ssp. Australis</i>	Common Reed	
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	(Blessed) Milk Thistle	
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	

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<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	European Beachgrass	
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly Bush	
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag Iris	
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	Garden Yellow Loosestrife	
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife	
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Parrotfeather	
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian Watermilfoil	
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	 
<i>Salix alba</i> 'Vitellina'	Golden Willow	
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	Yellow Salsify	
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	

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<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Goutweed	
<i>Allium vineale</i>	Field Garlic	
<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>	Burr Chervil	
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Bachelors Buttons	
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada Thistle	
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Bull Thistle	
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Traveler's Joy	
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Poison Hemlock	 High Priority
<i>Cotoneaster sp.</i>	<i>Cotoneaster</i>	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Common Hawthorn	
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Cyclamen	
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch Broom	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Orchard Grass	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum ssp. Sylvestris</i>	Fuller's Teasel	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Sweet Fennel	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy	 mild
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Spanish Bluebell	 
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	English Bluebell	
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	St. John's Wort	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Common St. John's Wort	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	English Holly	
<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	Yellow Archangel	
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye Daisy	
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	European Privet	
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	Scentless Mayweed	
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed Canary Grass	
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Cherry-Laurel	 mild
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>	Portugal Laurel	
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan Blackberry	
<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	Cutleaf Evergreen Blackberry	
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Tansy Ragwort	 

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<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Common Tansy	
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Lesser Cattail	
<i>Typha angustifolia x glauca</i>	Cattail hybrid	
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Purple Salsify	
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	Wych or Scots Elm	
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Chinese Elm	
<i>Vinca major</i>	Large Periwinkle	
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Common Periwinkle	