



Weed & Pest Happenings

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Events:

- BOARD MEETINGS : 6:30 pm
Oct 8: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
Nov 5: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
Dec 10: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
- Nov 3: General Election Day

CLOSED: 2020

October 12: Columbus Day
November 11: Veteran's Day
Nov 26 & 27: Thanksgiving
Dec 24 & 25: Christmas

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Know Your Noxious Weeds

Laramie County Weed & Pest has several resources to find information on the noxious weeds in our county.

First, the State Designated and County Declared noxious weed lists are on our website <http://laramiecountyweeds.com> along with pictures to assist with identification.

Second, we have weed books available for sale. The weed handbook is compact and can easily be taken with you. We have larger books with more information and more pictures.

Third, call our office for an appointment to schedule a weed inspection on your property.

And, finally, with Christmas on the way, a weed book might be a great gift for someone on your gift list.

Common Mullein

Common Mullein (see upper left corner) is a 2 to 6 feet tall stout slender biennial plant with large woolly leaves growing up the stem getting smaller as they reach the top of the plant where the flower spike or spikes start.

The flower has many small 5-lobed yellow flowers which are densely grouped together and growing from a spike or spikes at the top of the plant. Flowering and seed production happen from June to August. Common mullein reproduces from its seeds.

Common mullein is found in many places, such as, roadways, railroad rights-of-way, pastures, fields, and waste areas.

Common mullein is not poisonous to livestock, but they do not like to eat it because of its woolly leaves.

If you find common mullein on your property, what are your management options as it can be difficult to eradicate? Hand pulling is an option as it has a relatively shallow taproot. After pulling, be sure to bag the plant and properly dispose of it.

Herbicide control is another effective option. Use glyphosate if able to apply it without getting it in on any desirable plants. Other options are Tordon, 2,4-D or triclopyr which are broadleaf weed killers and safe to use around native or desirable grasses. Always read and follow the label's specific instructions and information!

We saw a single common mullein plant proudly growing in the front yard in a flower garden! What a sight that was! Apparently, the homeowner was not aware that common mullein is a noxious weed. Thankfully, this was not in Wyoming!