

Program Details

Program runs mid-May—July. Johnson County Weed and Pest will pay \$0.50 per pound for spotted knapweed, houndstoungue and mullien and will pay \$0.75 for oxeye daisy and orange hawkweed. **There are a few rules:** Weigh in/ payments, bags and program details can be picked up May-July during business hours 7:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 Mon-Fri at JCW&P. Weeds must be bagged in clear bags supplied by JCW&P. **No payments will be made for plants collected in any other bag.** Plants will be weighed; checks will be written at the end of the pull season. There is a \$50 reward for verified new locations of ventenata or medusahead grasses. The top three pullers will receive an additional prize: 1st Place: \$100; 2nd Place: \$50; 3rd Place: \$30.

Please contact the Johnson County Weed & Pest at 123 Flatiron Rd, Buffalo, WY (307-684-5715) for further details or to pick up/drop off bags.

Weeds represent significant losses in crops reducing yields, lost grazing for livestock and wildlife, and impact our everyday enjoyment of public places, therefore are important to control. Control options vary by species but utilizing IPM (Integrated Pest Management) is critical to long term management. The Weed Bounty Program capitalizes on one of those options by hand pulling 3 State designated species, Spotted Knapweed, Houndstongue and Common Mullein and recognizing the importance of keeping herbicides away from sensitive areas such as around trees and water. These species were targeted because of their biennial life cycle and the ability to eliminate seed production.

Program Partners

- ◆ Johnson County Weed & Pest
- ◆ Bureau of Land Management
- ◆ US Forest Service
- ◆ WY Game & Fish Department
- ◆ Clear Creek Conservation District
- ◆ Powder River Conservation District
- ◆ UW Extension Service
- ◆ Natural Resource Conservation Service
- ◆ Buffalo Trails Board

Johnson County 2023 Weed Bounty Program

WANTED

DEAD Not Alive

Spotted Knapweed

Houndstongue

Common Mullein

Oxeye Daisy

Orange Hawkweed

REWARD



Spotted Knapweed

- Biennial or short lived perennial
- Flowers are small pinkish-purple or less common cream colored, grows 2-4 feet tall.
- Highly invasive, Reducing availability of forage for livestock or wildlife
- Produces a chemical that is toxic to other plants that helps it get established
- Seeds can remain viable for 5 years

Orange Hawkweed

- Nonnative herbaceous perennial
- Bright red-orange flowers with lanced shaped fuzzy or hairy leaves that form a basal rosette
- Produces several stolons that can grow 4-12 in tall
- Highly invasive, Reducing availability of forage for livestock or wildlife
- Produces a chemical that is toxic to other plants that helps it get established



Houndstongue

- Biennial
- Leaves are oblong, rough and resemble a “hounds tongue” has reddish purple flowers, grows 1-4ft tall
- Contains alkaloids that are toxic to cattle and horses
- Commonly found in disturbed areas, including trails, pastures and woodland areas
- Nutlets remain viable for only a few years. When mature the nutlets break apart and attach to clothing and animals



Common Mullein

- Biennial
- Large fuzzy leaves on rosette, can grow up to 6 feet tall, flowers are sulfur yellow
- Can host many different insects that may be harmful to other plants
- Each plant produces hundreds of capsules, containing hundreds of seeds that can be viable for decades.
- Prefers disturbed soils, trails, pastures and woodland areas

Oxeye Daisy

- Erect rhizomatous perennial with a creeping root system
- Grow 1-3ft tall; leaves are long toothed or lobed that are 1-4 in long with white daisy like flowers.
- Very Aggressive invasive species, spreading rapidly via seeds and a rhizomatous root system