

# What Noxious Weeds You Might See in Your Yards This Spring 2021

**Mid-March:** [Yellow Toadflax](#) – shoots that grow from roots emerge



**Early Spring:** [Leafy Spurge](#) - first plants to emerge. Shoots originate from crown tissue, just below the soil surface



[Common Mullein](#) - shoots emerge from roots and forms a rosette in the first year



[Diffuse Knapweed](#) - seeds germinate and emerge, seedlings develop into rosettes- plants break off at the soil surface and become tumble weeds over winter



[Downy Brome](#) (Cheatgrass) - seed germinates in late summer or fall; and lives over winter as small tufts or rosettes of leaves. It resumes growth in spring, matures seed early in the summer and dies in summer heat



[Field Bindweed](#) - creeping perennial shoots emerge from rhizomatous roots, flowering from late June until frost in the fall



[Musk Thistle](#) - first year seeds germinate and emerge. Rosettes develop and spend the first season in this growth stage. Early in spring of the second year, overwintered rosettes resume growth



[Russian Knapweed](#) - shoots emerge from roots



[Spotted Knapweed](#) - seeds germinate in spring or fall, perennial plants resume growth in early spring



[Oxeye Daisy](#) - plants develop as a basal rosette and lower leaves are spoon-shaped and Toothed



**Early April to May:** [Leafy Spurge](#) - flowers bloom



**Late April through May:** [Canada Thistle](#) - seeds and root derived shoots emerge about the same time



Early spring growth appears as rosettes with spiny-tipped wavy leaves

**Early to Mid-May:** [Yellow Toadflax](#) - seeds germinate and emerge



**Early May to June:** [Russian Knapweed](#) - bolts (elevation dependent). Develop buds on its roots that emerge to form rosettes that fall or the following spring

