

3.2 PRIORITY SPECIES

The species priority list (see Table 2) is based on our best knowledge of these species and their impacts in the Columbia Shuswap. Plants were categorized into the following five categories (see Table 1):

TABLE 1: DEFINITION OF PRIORITY RANKING CATEGORIES FOR INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES.

Priority Ranking	Description
EDRR WATCHLIST (1)	These species are not currently known in this IPMA and may or may not be known to occur in the Columbia-Shuswap region. The goal for these species is immediate eradication if they are detected. EDRR reporting and action protocols for these species are outlined in Section 3.4. These sites are extremely high priority for treatment and eradication is the management objective.
ERADICATION OR ANNUAL CONTROL (2)	These species are known in the IPMA but with very limited distribution. Some of these species may have been present for a relatively long period so monitoring for spread is the management objective. Other species are relatively new to the IPMA so eradication is the objective.
CONTAINMENT (3)	These species are abundant (with no expectation of eradication) in certain portions of the IPMA but have not yet infested all potential habitats. Management efforts are delineated by containment lines which may be based on geographic (i.e. a specific region) or jurisdictional boundaries (e.g. private gardens only). Some of these species have biocontrol (BC) agents available which may be useful within the containment line. Containment is the management objective.
ESTABLISHED (BIOCONTROL OR SITE-SPECIFIC APPROACH) (4)	These are widespread species that are beyond landscape-level control and/or have relatively low impact. Land managers may choose to treat these species at high priority sites (e.g. wildlife habitat, corridors of spread, adjacent to agricultural land, restoration goals, etc.) based on specific land management objectives. Some of these species have biological control agents available.
INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION (5)	There is insufficient information for these species on their distribution, impacts, potential for spread and/or feasibility of control. In some cases, species have also been classified in one of the other categories because enough is known about their distribution. They also appear in this category because further information is still required.

TABLE 2: PRIORITY INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES BY IPMA REGION IN THE COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGION.

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Species	Relevant legislation ¹	Salmon Arm IPMA	Revelstoke IPMA	Golden IPMA
Baby's breath	CCA, FRPA	1	1	2
Bighead knapweed		2	1	1
Bittersweet nightshade		5	5	5
Black knapweed	FRPA	1	2	1
Bladder campion		4	4	4
Blueweed	WCA-reg, FRPA	2	2	2
Bull thistle	CCA, FRPA	4	4	4
Burdock	WCA-reg, FRPA	4	4	4
Canada thistle	WCA, CCA, FRPA	4	4	4
Caraway		1	1	2
Chicory		4	4	4
Common bugloss	FRPA	1	1	2
Common comfrey		4	4	4
Common tansy	WCA-reg, FRPA	3?	3?	3?
Curled dock		4	4	4
Cypress spurge		2	1	2
Dalmatian toadflax	WCA, CCA, FRPA	4	4	4
Diffuse knapweed	WCA, CCA, FRPA	4	4	4
Eyebright		5	5	5
Field bindweed		5	2	5
Field scabious	FRPA	2	1	1
Groundsel		4	4	4
Hairy cat's ear		5	3	5
Hawkweed spp.		4	4	4
Himalayan blackberry	CCA	5	3	5
Hoary alyssum	FRPA	3	1	1
Hoary cress	WCA-reg, FRPA	2	1	1
Hound's tongue	WCA, CCA, FRPA	4	4	4
Knotweeds	WCA, CCA, FRPA	3	3	3

¹ WCA= Weed Control Act; CCA=Community Charter Act; FRPA=Forest and Range Practices Act

TABLE 3 CONT.: PRIORITY INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES IN THE COLUMBIA SHUSWAP BY IPMA.

Species	Relevant legislation ¹	Salmon Arm IPMA	Revelstoke IPMA	Golden IPMA
Lady's thumb		4	4	4
Leafy spurge	WCA, CCA, FRPA	2	2	1
Marsh plume thistle	FRPA	1	2	1
Meadow goat's beard		4	4	4
Meadow knapweed	WCA-reg, FRPA	2?	1	1
Mouse-ear hawkweed		2	2	1
Mullein		4	4	4
Orange hawkweed	WCA-reg, FRPA	4	3?	4
Oxeye daisy	FRPA	4	4	4
Perennial pepperweed	FRPA	1	2?	2?
Perennial sow thistle	WCA	4	4	4
Policeman's helmet	CCA	2	2	1
Puncturevine	FRPA	2	1	1
Purple loosestrife	WCA, CCA, FRPA	2	2	1
Rush skeletonweed	WCA, CCA, FRPA	3	1	1
Russian knapweed	FRPA	2	1	1
Scentless chamomile	WCA, CCA, FRPA	2	2	2
Scotch broom	CCA, FRPA	2	2	1
Scotch thistle	FRPA	2	2	1
Spotted knapweed	WCA, CCA, FRPA	4	4	4
Squarrose knapweed		1	1	2
St. John's Wort	CCA, FRPA	4	4	4
Sulphur cinquefoil	WCA-reg. FRPA	4	4	4
Teasel	FRPA	2	1	2
Western goat's beard		4	4	4
Wormwood (Absinth)		1	1	2
Yellow flag-iris	WCA, CCA, FRPA	2?	1	1
Yellow hawkweeds	FRPA (meadow)	4	4	4
Yellow (common) toadflax	WCA, CCA, FRPA	4	4	4

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