

2023 Invasive Species Report*

Thank you to all those Three Meadows homeowners who have removed noxious weeds from their property and/or the common land in 2023. Since its 2022 report the Invasive Species Committee has spent 5.2 hours working on the eradication of noxious weed species at Three Meadows. As in the past only those plant species were targeted that are listed by the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board currently shown in their 2023 Washington State Noxious Weed List. Noxious weeds at Three Meadows include both Class B and Class C weeds. Class B weeds are “non-native species presently limited to portions of the State”. “In regions where a Class B species is abundant, control is decided at the local level.” Class C weeds are “Noxious weeds that are typically widespread in WA or are of special interest to the state’s agricultural industry.” The Class C status allows county weed boards to require control if locally desired...”

Since its 2022 report the committee has focused primarily on pulling or cutting and poisoning the Class C noxious weed English (red) hawthorn, *Crataegus monogyna*. (for methods see the 2019 Invasive Species Report) with special emphasis on those plants that were in flower. This work has taken place primarily in an area on both sides of Three Meadows Lane at the base of the peninsula on the eastern side of the marsh where the standing stock of young hawthorn plants is high. A total of 47 English Hawthorn plants have been pulled or cut and poisoned during the period covered by this report.

A number of individuals of three species of Class B weeds, Scotch Broom, *Cytisus scoparius*, (1), Spurge Laurel, *Daphne laureola*, (1), and Tansy Ragwort, *Jacobaea vulgaris*, (237) were removed from private and common lands of Three Meadows.

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Submitted by,

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