

## FCWMA's 6 Most unWanted!

### Bird Vetch, *Vicia cracca*

This vine will climb up other plants to monopolize light, space, water, and nutrients.



### Yellow toadflax, *Linaria vulgaris*

Don't be fooled by the flower! Toadflax forms dense colonies and outcompetes other plants for water and space



### Hempnettle, *Galeopsis spp.*

Often present in gardens and fields, hempnettle creates a dense layer - shading out seedlings beneath it.



### White Sweetclover, *Melilotus alba*

This plant quickly spreads along rivers and disturbed areas. It disrupts willow growth, impacting wildlife forage.



### Perennial Sowthistle, *Sonchus arvensis*

Hard to eradicate once established, this plant outcompetes for water and forms dense stands.



### Foxtail Barley, *Hordeum jubatum*

Although considered a native grass, foxtail quickly colonizes disturbed areas. The spiked awns are detrimental to pets and livestock.



## When to contact the FCWMA:

### • Report

If you see an infestation of the 4 invasive plants that have not reached Fairbanks, please contact the FCWMA to let us know.

### • Information

Do you want to learn more? You can contact the FCWMA to schedule a presentation for your organization, or to simply ask questions.

### • Join

Become a weeds warrior today! Join the FCWMA and be up to date on all local invasive plant events.



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A group of agencies and individuals pulling together to manage invasive plants in Interior Alaska

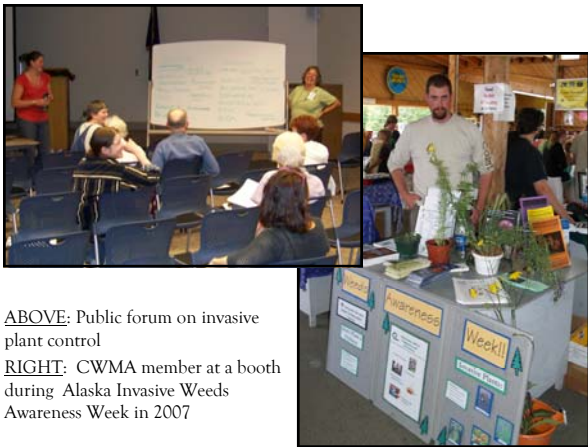
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# Invasive plant management in interior Alaska

## Who we are

The Fairbanks Cooperative Weed Management Area is a group of agencies and community members that have come together to fight the spread of non-native invasive plants in the Fairbanks area. We meet monthly to create control plans, organize events, and discuss ideas.



ABOVE: Public forum on invasive plant control

RIGHT: CWMA member at a booth during Alaska Invasive Weeds Awareness Week in 2007

## What we have been doing

FCWMA has hosted various educational and control events.

- Creamer's field weed pull with local elementary schools
- Invasive plant identification workshops and Fairbanks weed tours
- Informational booths and presentations
- Writing grants for invasive weed control

## Why worry about weeds?

Non native invasive plants invade ecosystems and compete with native plants. They negatively impact fish and wildlife habitat, make gardens less productive, and can be very expensive to control. Alaska has many wild places that still have the chance of being kept weed free!

## 5 things YOU can do to help the Fairbanks CWMA:

1. Participate in weed pulls and educational events.
2. Learn how to identify invasive plants and understand why they are bad for our community.
3. Be a good neighbor by keeping your property invasive plant free.
4. Before setting off into the backcountry, clean all your gear to make sure no weed seeds have hitched a ride with you.
5. Join the Fairbanks CWMA and become a weeds warrior today!



CWMA participating in a weed pull at the fairgrounds

## Don't let these invaders reach Fairbanks!

These 4 invasive plants have been spotted in other areas of Alaska. Call us immediately if found in interior Alaska.



### Orange Hawkweed

Once established it is very hard to get rid of. It forms dense stands where no other plants can grow.

### Spotted Knapweed

Erosion increases where this plant is found. It also poisons the ground so other plants can't grow. Wildlife will avoid spotted knapweed as a forage source



### Canada Thistle

Eradicated from the Delta area, this plant has not been found in Fairbanks. Pull if spotted or it will take over!

### Purple Loosestrife

An invader of wetlands, this garden favorite can destroy habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife.



**Prevention & early detection are the best methods of invasive plant control!**