

B. Early Detection Flyers



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Sulphur cinquefoil



- Leaves are palmately compound, have 5-7 toothed leaflets, and somewhat resemble a marijuana leaf.
- Light-yellow flowers have five petals that are deeply notched.
- Leaf stalks have perpendicular hairs longer than the width of the stalk.
- It is unpalatable to grazing animals, therefore it reduces forage for livestock and wildlife where it is abundant.

Yellow starthistle



- The flowers are bright yellow with distinctive spines at the base
- The stems are winged and can be up to two feet long
- Each plant produces thousands of seed
- Yellow starthistle covers millions of acres in the west but it has only been found in a handful of locations within Colorado. It is critical that this plant be eliminated wherever it is found.

Yellow toadflax



- Flowers are bright yellow and resemble snapdragons.
- Flowers are arranged in a raceme at the ends of the branches. Slender leaves
- Yellow toadflax is a perennial that has been used as an ornamental. This weed is starting to invade pristine areas around the state.



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Diffuse knapweed



- Flowers are mostly white or purple, and are located on each branch tip.
- The bracts surrounding each flower bear 4 to 5 pairs of lateral spines and one, long terminal spine.
- Diffuse knapweed may be distinguished from other knapweeds by the terminal spine on the floral bract.
- Diffuse knapweed reduces the productivity of rangeland by displacing desirable forage species.

Leafy spurge



- Flowers are yellowish-green and have a pair of heart shaped yellow-green bracts below each inconspicuous flower .
- The entire plant contains white, milky latex.
- Mature plants are up to 3 feet tall.
- Leafy spurge can invade rangeland that is in excellent condition, making it worthless for cattle and horse grazing and reducing land values.