



Weed Roundup

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The Community Weed Awareness Campaign

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*"Die when I may, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed
and planted a flower where ever I thought a flower would grow." Abraham Lincoln*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

14th Annual Community Weed Day

Join us at Community Weed Day for noxious weed education and weeding around the Lake. Refreshments begin at 8:00 am followed by weeding in teams until 11:00. Knowledgeable weed experts will identify plants brought in by the public and there will be a display of local weeds.



**Saturday, June 25
Evergreen Lake**

8-11am Weeding & Education Outreach

Invite your friends and neighbors to come and learn how to ID their weeds.

Volunteers will receive a water bottle thanks to *Pulling for Colorado*. New volunteers will also receive the book "Colorado's Noxious Weeds" provided by a *Pulling for Colorado* Weed Grant and Evergreen Audubon.



**Evergreen Earth Day Fair
Saturday, April 23
10 am to 4pm
Evergreen Lake House**

The Earth Day Fair heralds the return of spring with over 50 exhibitors, speakers and children's activities. Be sure to stop by our weed booth- you'll recognize us by the Myrtle spurge on our table!

2010 Weed Recap



Volunteers like Linda Lorenz, above left, bundled up to spend the morning weeding. Sylvia Brockner and Larry White, above right center, set up the weed education table, proving that weather is no match for our volunteers.

It is no secret that we have the best volunteers in Colorado, maybe even in the entire US. How do we know? Because each and every year, our efforts to combat weeds gets bigger and better, and that couldn't happen without dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers!

Below is a recap of our 2010 season.

Education and Weeding Events reached a over 350 people through the following events:

- *Evergreen Earth Day Fair
- *Nature Center Program
- *Presentations to EMERGE, Buffalo Park HOA, Midnight Garden Club and the local DAR
- *Weed Day - Volunteers were not thwarted by rain or bitter cold during the 2010 Community Weed Day. 20 hardy people showed up despite the inhospitable conditions to weed and to educate the public about noxious weeds.
- *Wake-Up & Weed-29 volunteers weeded during this first time event in August, which replaced Weed & Wine. Brunch at the Nature Center followed the weeding.

We now have a PowerPoint presentation for our education programs thanks to Renee Cormier and Marilyn Kaussner.

Our Weed Newsletter went out to 110 individuals via email and 5 via snail mail. We added 32 individuals to our mailing list this year. We had 122 hits on our two YourHub online articles.

We published 3 noxious weed articles in Mountain Lifestyles, which goes to 41,000 households as an insert in the Canyon Courier, Clear Creek Courant, High Timber Times, Columbine Courier and Canyon Marketplace. The Canyon Courier did a nice follow-up article on Wake-Up and Weed.



Pulling for Colorado (P4C) is a statewide weed education campaign with various events being held throughout the state on Saturday, July 9th. CWAC is one of 13 groups awarded a 2011 P4C Weed Grant. We will be using the funds for educational materials, tools, volunteer recognition gifts and publicity. Volunteer hours are an important component of our match for this grant, so we need as many people as possible to volunteer at Weed Day on June 25 and Wake-Up & Weed on August 13. We will also have an education table at a local supermarket on July 9. For more information on *Pulling for Colorado*, go to www.cwma.org.

Wake-Up and Weed ~ August 21, 2010



The Community Weed Awareness Campaign Steering Committee:

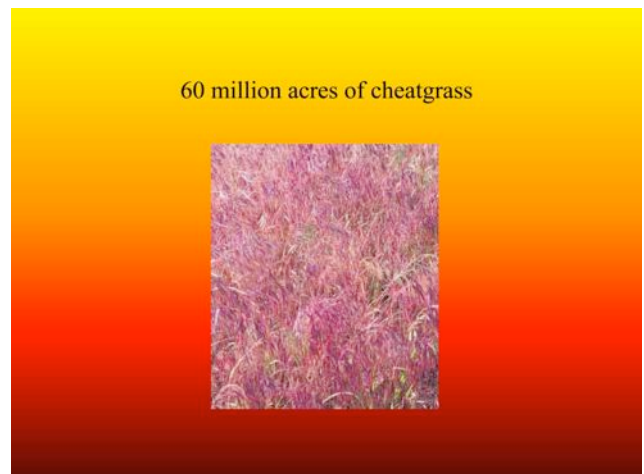
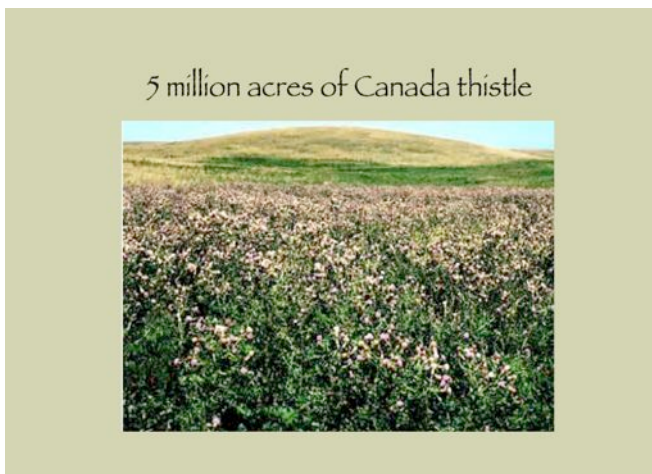
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Sylvia Brockner

CWAC will be running several ads and submitting noxious weeds articles to Evergreen Newspapers for the *Mountain Lifestyles* monthly insert. Please be sure to check out this informative insert and tell your friends and neighbors. Let the editor know if you enjoy our articles.

We value your input so if you would like to contribute your weeding experience, or have a suggestion for an article email it to sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail.com and we'll try to incorporate as many of your ideas as possible in upcoming articles.

***Questions? Want to join the CWAC Committee? Interested in Adopt-a-Plot?
Email Cathy at sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail.com or call 303-674-8610***

Are noxious weeds really a problem? You be the judge...



Slides are from a powerpoint by L.H. Ziska, USDA-ARS, Acting National Program Leader, Global Climate Change, USDA.

Some Noxious Weeds: The best of the worst.
 Skinner et al. *Weed Science*, 48:640



1. <i>Cirsium arvense</i> , Canada thistle	33 lists
2. <i>Carduus nutans</i> , musk thistle	24 lists
3. <i>Lythrum</i> spp., loosestrife	24 lists
4. <i>Convolvulus arvensis</i> , field bindweed	23 lists
5. <i>Euphorbia esula</i> , leafy spurge	22 lists
6. <i>Acroptilon repens</i> , Russian knapweed	20 lists
7. <i>Sorghum</i> spp., sorghum	20 lists
8. <i>Cardaria</i> spp., whitetop	17 lists
9. <i>Centaurea maculosa</i> , spotted knapweed	17 lists
10. <i>Sonchus arvensis</i> , perennial sowthistle	17 lists
11. <i>Centaurea diffusa</i> , diffuse knapweed	16 lists
12. <i>Elytrigia repens</i> , quackgrass	16 lists
13. <i>Cuscuta</i> spp., dodder	12 lists
14. <i>Linaria dalmatica</i> , Dalmation toadflax	12 lists
15. <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> , yellow starthistle	11 lists

The International Union for Conservation of Nature says that 38% of the 44,838 species catalogued on its Red List are "threatened with extinction" – and at least 40% of all animal extinctions for which the cause is known are the result of invasive species. But just as invasives are not the only threat to biodiversity, the threat to biodiversity is not the only problem caused by the havoc – ecological as well as economic – wreaked by species that are transported to a foreign habitat, get a foothold there and spread, often voraciously. The UN Convention on Biological Diversity says the spread of invasives costs 1.4 trillion dollars a year globally in damages and control measures. The US alone loses 138 billion dollars a year in the fight.

From **"Invasive species threaten US biodiversity"**
 By Matthew Berger, from **IPS**, part of the **Guardian Environment Network**
guardian.co.uk, 5 January 2010

Adopt-a-Plot

Help!!! We have an acute shortage of volunteers for our Adopt-A-Plot program. Please consider adopting a plot for the 2011 weed season. We do try to make each plot manageable. If you can adopt, please let us know. If you don't feel like you can take on a plot by yourself, we can always use helpers for other plots.

Thank you to all of our terrific adopters: Wendy and AL Jewsbury, Betsy Kelson & the Sierra Club, Renee Cormier, Posey Posse, Joy Schumacher, Wild Rose Church, Dickie Langworthy, Bob & Sylvia Robertson, Pat Carter, Deb Callahan & Chris Pfaff, Sharon & Norman Milford, Mercedes Smith, Margaret McDole & Mark Meremonte, Jim & Cathy Shelton, and the Manning Family.



Longtime Adopters, Sharon & Norman Milford, keep their plot weed free.

PLEASE remember to track your hours and mileage - we can use them for matching grants and your mileage may be deductible on your personal taxes.

NEWS you can USE

The Evergreen Nature Center will open on Saturday, April 23 with new hours and new Executive Director, Alyson Duffey.

Our Weed Display is just one of the many educational and fun offerings at ENC. CWAC will also be presenting a "Backyard Weeds" Program on May 21st from 10am-noon with hands-on ID of local weeds.

For more information go to the Nature Center link at www.evergreenaudubon.org

Steve Ryder became the new Colorado State Weed Coordinator in November 2010, replacing Kelly Uhing, who is now the City & County of Denver Naturalist. Steve has a Ph.D. in environmental policy and a background in land trusts.

There are some really great websites for weed information and identification.

A few of our favorites are:

Colorado State Extension Small Acreage:

<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/sam/>

Jefferson County Weed and Pest:

<http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/weed/>

Clear Creek County Weed Management:

<http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/depts/weeds.htm>

Gilpin County Noxious Weeds:

<http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/gilpin/weeds.shtml>

Community Weed Awareness Campaign 2011 Calendar

Apr 12	.....	Weed Presentation to the Evergreen Garden Club
Apr 23	.....	Evergreen Earth Day Fair; 10 am to 4 pm – Evergreen Lake House
May 21	.....	“Backyard Weeds” program-Evergreen Nature Center 10:00 am to noon (Pre-Registration required)
Jun 25	.....	14 th Community Weed Day - Evergreen Lake 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Jun 25	.....	Weed Presentation to Leadership Evergreen
Jul 9	.....	Education outreach – Pulling for Colorado 10:00 am to 2:00 pm – Location TBD
Aug 13	.....	Wake-Up and Weed– Evergreen Lake Weeding - 8:30 am; Brunch – 10:30 am
Sept.	.....	Education outreach – location TBD



*“Preserving our natural heritage and biodiversity
through community education and active
noxious weed management.”*

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