



# Weed Roundup

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The Community Weed Awareness Campaign

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*"When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant."* Unknown

## 15th Annual Community Weed Day

Hold on to your pruners---2012 is our FIFTEENTH season of weed pulls at Evergreen Lake and we'll be celebrating!

Saturday, June 23rd

Evergreen Lake

8-11am Weeding & Education Outreach

11:15am Celebration

Weed Day will start off with light refreshments at 8:00 am followed by weeding in teams until 11:00. As always, our knowledgeable noxious weed and wildflower experts will identify plants brought in by the public and will present our display of infamous local weeds.

At 11:15, we'll gather at the picnic benches for cake, door prizes and some surprise awards. You won't want to miss this special day.



Sylvia Robertson, Lynne Price, Sylvia Brockner and Cathy Shelton with bags of weeds from the very first Community Weed Day in 1998-and we all look just the same, don't we?!

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

## 2011 Weed Recap



Community Weed Day was a beautiful day. Above left: Alicia Doran, Jefferson County Weed and Pest Specialist talks to Leadership Evergreen about weeds. Above right: A little bending and a lot of hard work go a long way in improving the riparian habitat at Evergreen Lake.

Below is a recap of our 2011 season.

Education and Weeding Events reached well over 400 people through the following events:

- \*Evergreen Earth Day Fair
- \*Nature Center Programs
- \*Wal-Mart Garden Center Opening
- \*Presentations to Evergreen Garden Club, Leadership Evergreen, Mile High Youth Corp and the Hiwan Hills HOA
- \*Weed Day - 87.5 hours of weeding and 25.5 education hours
- \*Wake-Up & Weed-39.5 hours of weeding followed by brunch at the Nature Center.

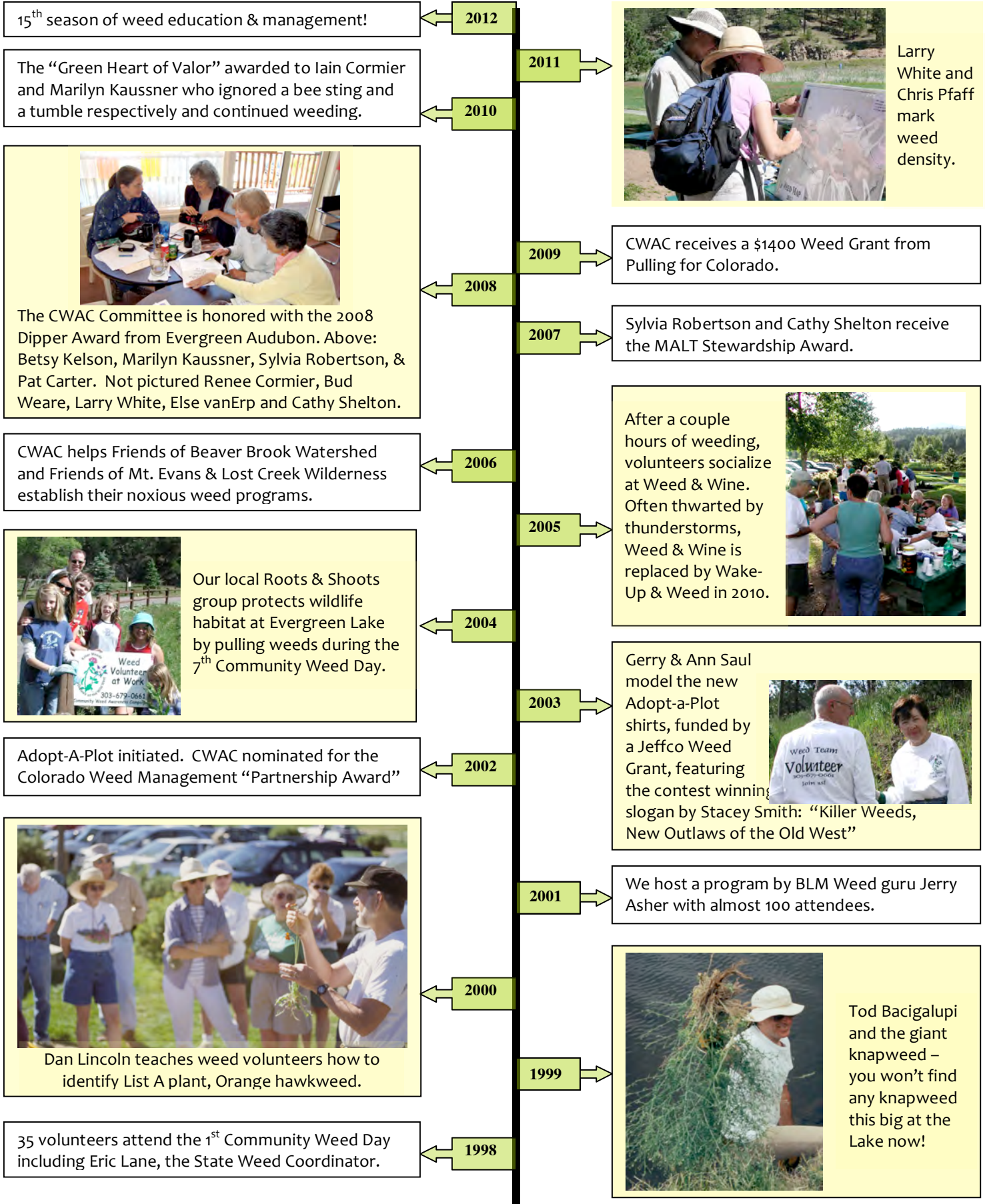
We had a month long display at the Evergreen Library and a "Weed of the Month" display at the Evergreen Nature Center, reaching thousands of visitors.

CWAC volunteers helped staff the Pulling for Colorado Booth at the Sportsman's Expo and the Home & Garden Show in Denver.

Our Weed Newsletter went out to over 175 individuals and we added 33 people to our mailing list. We placed 3 noxious weed articles and had 3 ads in Mountain Lifestyles, which goes to about 50,000 households as an insert in the Canyon Courier, Clear Creek Courant, High Timber Times, Columbine Courier and Canyon Marketplace. We also ran 2 ads in the Canyon Courier, one of which was a full-page ad in partnership with Pulling for Colorado. The Courier ran Bud Weare's Cheatgrass article and did a wonderful follow-up on Wake-Up and Weed on page 1 with color photos.

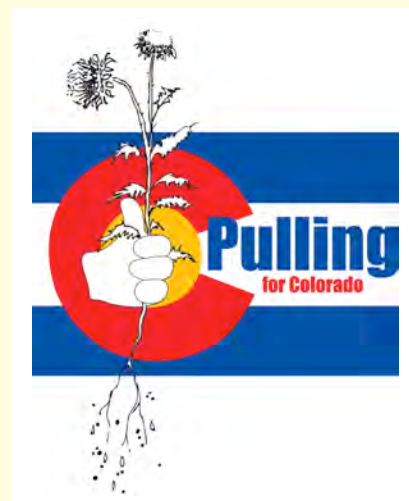


# 15 Years of Highlights



*Pulling for Colorado (P4C)* is a statewide weed education campaign with various events being held throughout the state on Saturday, July 14th. CWAC has submitted a grant proposal to Pulling for Colorado to help fund educational materials and publicity for our 15<sup>th</sup> weed season. P4C's funding has not been assured for 2012, so keep your fingers crossed that this important resource continues to be available for statewide noxious weed efforts. Volunteer hours are an important component of our for this grant, so we need as many people as possible to volunteer at Weed Day on June 23 and Wake-Up & Weed on August 18. PLEASE remember to track your hours and mileage - they can be used for matching grants and your mileage may be deductible on your personal taxes.

For more information on *Pulling for Colorado*, go to [www.cwma.org](http://www.cwma.org).



## NEW WEEDS!!!

A number of changes were made to Colorado's Noxious Weed list in 2011. Most significantly, Bohemian knotweed (*Polygonum x bohemicum*), Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), Giant knotweed (*Polygonum sachalinense*), Elongated mustard (*Brassica elongata*), and Giant reed (*Arundo donax*) were added to List A, meaning that eradication is required wherever they are found. Bulbous bluegrass (*Poa bulbosa*) was added to List C and Sericea lespedeza, (*Lespedeza cuneata*) was moved from List A to the new Watch List. The Watch List is comprised of 20 weeds that pose a potential hazard to Colorado's agricultural and wild lands. Some of these weeds are not currently known to be in Colorado but may be lurking undetected. It is important that we keep an eye out for all of these species and report sightings to the state and/or county. For fact sheets on the new weeds and the Watch List poster (attached to newsletter) go to the Colorado Department of Agriculture website:

[www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds)



Japanese knotweed

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

A few of our favorites are:

Colorado Noxious Weed Program

[www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds)

Colorado Weed Management Assoc.

[www.cwma.org](http://www.cwma.org)

Colorado State Extension Small Acreage

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

Jefferson County Weed and Pest

<http://jeffco.us/weed/>

Gilpin County Noxious Weeds

[http://www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin/natu/natu\\_docs/weeds.shtml](http://www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin/natu/natu_docs/weeds.shtml)

Clear Creek County Weed Management

Contact Ted Brown:

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### The Community Weed Awareness Campaign Steering Committee:

Sylvia Robertson, Betsy Kelson, Marilyn Kaussner, Renee Cormier, Else van Erp, Bud Weare, Larry White, Pat Carter, Debra Eberts, Cathy Shelton and Sylvia Brockner, Emeritus

**Questions? Want to join the CWAC Committee? Email Cathy at [sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail.com](mailto:sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail.com) or call 303-674-8610**

## NEWS you can USE

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The Evergreen Nature Center opened on Saturday, April 21 with new hours and new Executive Director, Vanessa Hayes.

Our Weed Display is just one of the many educational and fun offerings at ENC.

For more information go to the Nature Center link at [www.evergreenaudubon.org](http://www.evergreenaudubon.org)

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## Coming Soon!!!!

Stop by our weed booth at the

Mountain Area Home and Garden Show

Saturday, May 19, 9:00-5:00

Sunday, May 20, 10:00-3:00

Bring 2 cans of food for the ECHO Food Bank for a reduced entrance fee.

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Mark your calendars for

**Wake-Up and Weed**

**Saturday, August 18**

**Weeding at 8:30 Evergreen Lake**

**Volunteer Recognition Brunch 11:30**

**Evergreen Nature Center**

Thank You to the volunteers and the local businesses who supported us for 15 years!





## Community Weed Awareness Campaign 2012 Calendar

- Apr 21..... Evergreen Earth Day Fair  
Evergreen Lake House; 10:00 to 4:00
- May 10.....EMERGE Homeowners Association Program
- May 19&20..... Mountain Home and Garden Show  
Evergreen High School  
Saturday 9:00 to 5:00; Sunday 10:00 to 3:00
- Jun 23..... 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Weed Day  
Evergreen Lake - 8:00 am to 11:00 am
- Jul 14..... Education outreach – Pulling for Colorado  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm – Location TBD
- Aug 18..... Wake-Up and Weed– Evergreen Lake  
Weeding - 8:30 am; Brunch – 10:30 am



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

The Community Weed Awareness Campaign is a committee of Evergreen Audubon in cooperation with the Mt. Evans Group of the Sierra Club, the Evergreen Garden Club and concerned citizens.

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