



2023 Provincial Public Land “Top 25” Invasive Plant Species Priorities

The Top 25 list was developed by Invasive Plant Specialists in the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and BC Parks and is endorsed by the BC Inter-Ministry Invasive Species Working Group. The ranking considers each species’ current and potential distribution throughout the province and its threat and impacts to people, ecosystems and economic development. The list is used as a planning tool to determine funding of management activities throughout the Province for Provincial Public Land. Annual regional priority adjustments are then also considered and reflected in annual work plans.

Note: this list represents species priorities Province-wide (aka from a Provincial scale). The Provincial Public land containment lines mentioned below are for Provincial public land planning purposes only.

Invasive Plant Species (Species with containment lines in red)	NEW RANK 2023
Bohemian knotweed	1
Giant knotweed	1
Japanese knotweed	1
Giant hogweed	2
Poison Hemlock	3
Wild Parsnip	4
Marsh Plume Thistle	5
(NEW) Japanese Butterbur	6
Shiny geranium	7
Wild chervil	8
North Africa grass	9
Garlic mustard	10
Rush skeletonweed	11
Common tansy	12
Yellow flag iris (5m ² or less sites only)	13
Common bugloss	14
Blueweed	15
Teasel	16
Himalayan Knotweed	17
Field scabious	18
Scotch broom	19
(NEW) White flowered broom (use Scotch Broom Containment line)	19
Spotted Knapweed	20
Hoary alyssum	21
Himalayan Blackberry	22
Yellow Archangel	23
Puncturevine	24
Hoary cress	25