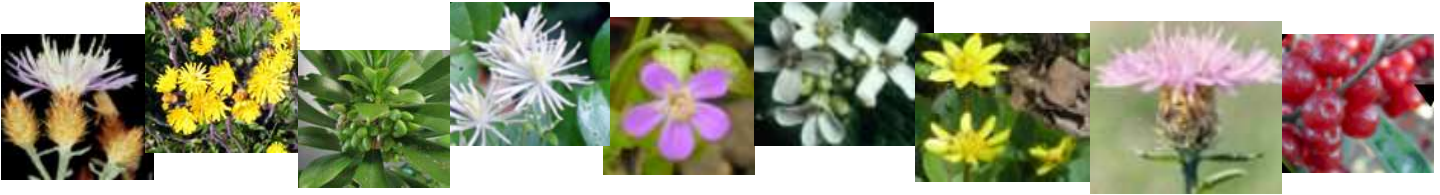


Announcing The Nature Conservancy in Oregon's Weed Watcher Volunteer Program and Training Opportunity

Can you help keep a look out for these pesky plants?



Become a Weed Watcher Volunteer and learn how to detect and report these new invasive plants before they get out of hand.

What is the Weed Watcher Program? The Nature Conservancy's Weed Watcher program trains and supports volunteers to survey for and report new occurrences of harmful invasive plants on Nature Conservancy preserves in Oregon.

What does being a Weed Watcher Involve? Weed Watchers should be able to learn to identify up to ten invasive plants, hike one to three miles, and attend a one day training on June 2nd.

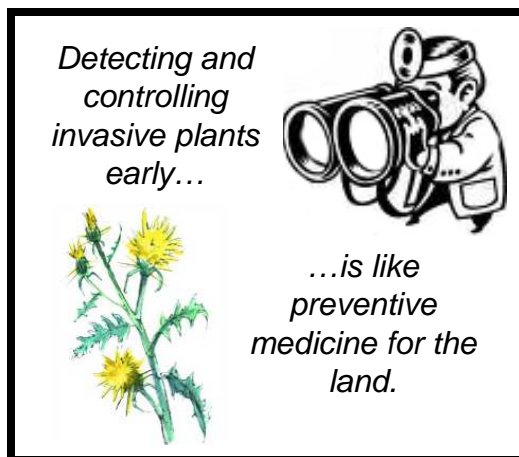
About the Weed Watcher Training:

This training will teach people how to survey for, identify, document, and report new invasive plants at Camassia and Sandy River preserves. We hope it will serve as a model for other organizations wishing to educate others about new weeds.

Audience: Weed Watcher volunteers, interested citizens, and any organization that manages weeds.

Date, time, and location: June 2nd, 9:00am to 2:00pm, Hoyt Arboretum, Portland, OR

Cost: FREE!



Why Become a Weed Watcher? Weeds cause real problems by disrupting ecosystems and decreasing the value of our land. Thankfully, many invasive plants are still not abundant in Oregon. You can help keep them out by surveying for and reporting these plants.

For more information about becoming a Weed Watcher Volunteer or attending the training, contact Tania Siemens: tsiemens@tnc.org 541-914-0701