

Why it's harmful

- › Toxic to livestock if ingested.
- › Seeds can remain viable for 15 years.
- › Incredibly prolific and can produce over 200,000 seeds per plant.
- › Displaces quality forage plants reducing the productivity of grazing areas.
- › Toxins can be passed on to humans via honey and milk.

How to control it

As Tansy Ragwort spreads primarily through seeds, it is best to control it before seeds form (either when the flowers are in bloom, or before).

Manual Control

- › Pull or dig out the entire root system to ensure the plant doesn't regrow. The best time to pull is before the plant has flowered.
- › Put all parts of the plant in your green bin for curbside collection. If you don't have a green bin, call Morrow Bioscience at 1-888-733-2333 or email weeds@morrowbioscience.com to arrange pick up.
- › Do NOT mow or cut the plant down as it will regenerate. Repeated treatments may be required to eradicate infestations.

Herbicide Control

- › Herbicides can be quite effective. However, they can also make the plant more palatable to livestock, thus increasing the risk of poisoning.

Who's Responsible

The Province of BC's Weed Control Act, designates Tansy Ragwort as a "noxious" weed. This means it is non-native and can cause significant economic and environmental loss. It also means that all property owners are legally obligated to control it when it is on their land.

FVRD Invasive Weed Control Program

- › The FVRD Weed Control Program targets Knotweeds, Giant Hogweed, Tansy Ragwort and Wild Chervil on public roadsides in Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Electoral Area C, D, E, G, and H.
- › For more information on invasive weeds found in the region, email the Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society at info@fviss.ca or call 778-548-3847.



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Tansy Ragwort



What it looks like

Stem

- › Several upright stems that branch out at the top
- › Purple near the base, green towards the top
- › Up to 1.2 m tall



Flower

- › Bright yellow clusters of daisy-like flowers
- › 10 - 15 petals per flower
- › Has open-petalled flowers, unlike Common Tansy's small button flowers



Leaf

- › First year plants have a low rosette of dark green ruffled leaves
- › Develop into deeply cut, blunt-toothed lobes - ruffled appearance
- › Dark green on top, whitish-green underneath

