

NOXIOUS WEED ALERT

Claunch-Pinto SWCD 847-2243

PERENNIAL PEPPERWEED

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KEY INFORMATION

PREVENT SEED FORMATION!

- Small infestations should be eradicated before the spread.
- Physical removal before seed production is effective for small infestations.
- Mowing is NOT an effective control method, but can prevent seed formation if done before flowering.

DESCRIPTION

- Small, white flowers with four petals that, are round at the top.
- Stems are semi-woody and waxy, with branching near the top.
- Leaves are green to gray-green, and are oval to narrow in shape.
- Can reach heights up to 8ft.
- Can produce more than 6 billion seeds per acre.



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TREATMENT OPTIONS

Mechanical

(This method is not recommended because the spreading of seeds)

- Digging
- Mowing
- Grazing

Biological

- There are currently NO biological controls



DAMAGE

- Invades irrigated pastures, cropland, grasslands and native meadows.
- Aggressively colonizes riverbank habitats and can eliminate competing vegetation.

SPREAD

- Can produce over 6 billion seeds per acre.
- Seed is spread short distances by wind and water.
- Care must be taken not to distribute broken pieces of root.

HABITAT

- Pepperweed is found in seasonally wet areas. It can be found at riverbanks, roadsides, marshy floodplains, and valley bottoms.