

Blueweed

Category 2: Eradicate

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and eradication.

Echium vulgare

Family: Boraginaceae (Mustard).

Other Common Names: Viper's bugloss, blue devil.

Origin: Europe.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Biennial. Seeds.

Identification: Flower (1-2cm long) are arranged on upper side of short stems. Petals are fused at the base and form a short tube that flares at the top into unequal lobes. Basal leaves are narrow. Stem leaves are alternate and become progressively smaller and stalkless up the stem. All leaves are covered with stiff hairs.

Legal Status Central Kootenay: WCA (R), FRPA.

Habitat: Well adapted to dry, rocky or shallow soils, especially over limestone. Disturbed sites, dry roadsides, pastures, grasslands, utility corridors at low- to mid-elevations.

Status and Distribution: Small patches in Creston area, Powder Creek, Whatshan, and south of Nakusp. See reverse for map of recorded locations.

Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: ICHdw1, ICHmw2, ICHxw

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- To contain species to its current distribution
- Eradicate plants found outside Wynndel area if possible
- Present populations should be contained or eradicated if possible
- Annually treat all current infestations
- Report any new infestations

For More Information:

- www.weedsbc.ca/pdf/blueweed.pdf
- www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca/publications/TIPS/Blueweed_TIPS.pdf



Identification Tip: Not to be confused with lupines (which have leaves in whorls). May be confused with Bugloss but both are high priority for reporting and treatment.

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*Infestations of Blueweed
in the Central Kootenay*



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