

Hound's Tongue

Cynoglossum officinale

Category 4: Low Priority

Relatively widespread. Biocontrol for large infestations. Treat at high priority sites.

Family: Boraginaceae (Borage).

Other Common Names: Common hound's-tongue, dog bur, gypsy flower.

Origin: Eurasia.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Biennial. Seeds.

Identification: Flowers are reddish-purple with 5 petals. Seeds are burred and cling to clothing and fur. Basal leaves are tapered at the base. Stems leaves are alternate, rough and hairy.

Legal Status Central Kootenay: WCA (P), FRPA, CCA.

Habitat: Cool, moist habitats from low-and mid-elevations on grasslands to open forests. Adapted to alkaline soils and is moderately shade tolerant. Disturbed sites, pastures, roadsides, utility corridors, logged forestland, landings, and skidtrails.

Status and Distribution: Most common in the Pend d'Oreille and Creston areas. Smaller populations in Blewett and Harrop, US border to Creston, Fruitvale area. *See reverse for map of recorded locations.*

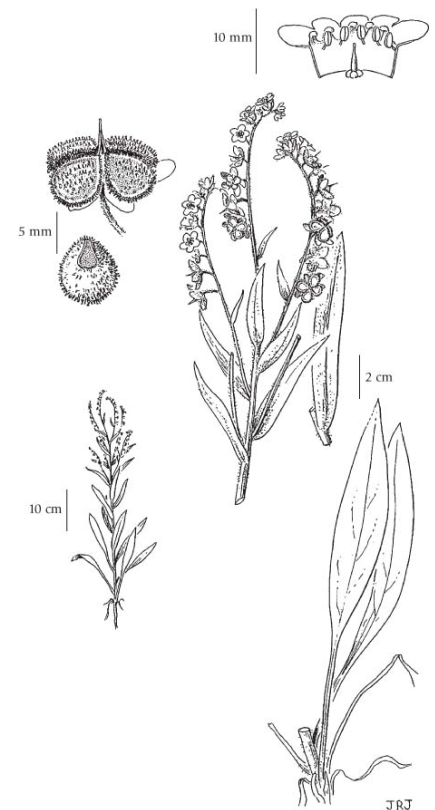
Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: ICHdw1, ICHmk1, ICHxw, ESSFwc1

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- Maintain current containment and control program (primarily biocontrol).
- Eradicate new populations outside existing distribution.

For More Information:

- www.weedsbc.ca/pdf/hounds_tongue.pdf



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Infestations of Hound's Tongue in the Central Kootenay



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Program Application

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