

Leafy Spurge

Category 2: Eradicate

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and eradication.

Euphorbia esula

Family: Euphorbiaceae (Spurge).

Other Scientific Names: *Euphorbia virgata*.

Other Common Names: None.

Origin: Eurasia.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Perennial. Seeds and vegetatively from lateral roots.

Identification: Flowers are yellowish green, small, and arranged in numerous small clusters with distinctive paired bracts underneath. Bracts are heart-shaped and yellow-green. Leaves are alternate and narrow. Plant contains a white, milky latex.

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

Habitat: Adapted to a wide range of ecological conditions from very dry to very wet at low- to mid-elevations. Best adapted to semi-arid sites on coarse-textured soils. Disturbed sites, roadsides, fields, grasslands, open forests.

Status and Distribution: One patch in Creston. See reverse for map of recorded locations.

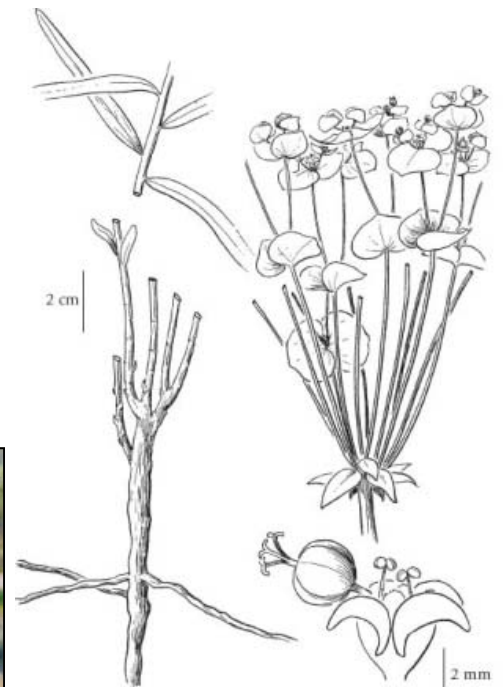
Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: ICHxw

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- To eradicate species from region.
- Treat known site annually and monitor to ensure effective control efforts.
- Report and treat any new infestations.

For More Information:

- www.weedsbc.ca/pdf/leafy_spurge.pdf



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*Infestations of Leafy Spurge
in the Central Kootenay*



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