

Policeman's Helmet

Category 3: Containment

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and treatment outside known infestations

Impatiens glandulifera

Family: Balsaminaceae (Balsam or Touch-me-not).

Other Scientific Names: *Impatiens roylei*.

Other Common Names: Himalayan balsam.

Origin: India and the western Himalaya.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Annual. Seeds.

Identification: Upright, hollow stems are smooth and hairless and have a purplish tinge. Leaves are opposite or in whorls and usually in groups of three. Leaf margins are sharply serrate. Flowers have five petals (two fused) and three sepals (two fused).

Legal Status Central Kootenay: CCA.

Habitat: Tolerates a wide range of soil condition; requires high soil moisture from low- to mid-elevations. Cold temperatures may limit distribution. Partially shade tolerant. Disturbed sites, roadsides, riparian areas, stream banks, meadows.

Status and Distribution: Not listed in the Nelson Noxious Weed Plan in 1995. Localized populations throughout the Central Kootenay at Trail, Nelson, north shore of Kootenay Lake. Red Mountain Road between Slocan City and Silverton. *See reverse for map of recorded locations.*

Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: ICHdw1

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- Inventory incomplete.
- Eradicate or contain plants to present sites.
- Educate garden centers, landscape architects and public about this species

For More Information:

- www.nwcb.wa.gov/weed_info/Impatiens_glandulifera.html
- <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/LANDS/Weeds/pdf/policemans-helmet-control.pdf>



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Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee

Infestations of Policeman's Helmet in the Central Kootenay



- Known locations of Policeman's Helmet
- Major Highway
- CKIPC Region



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