

St. John's Wort

Category 4: Low Priority

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

Hypericum perforatum

Family: Clusiaceae (St. Johnswort).

Other Common Names: Common St. John's-wort, Klamath weed, goatweed.

Origin: Eurasia.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Perennial. Mostly seed and short rhizomes.

Identification: Bright yellow flowers with 5 separate petals. Leaves are opposite, 1 to 3 cm long, and oval-shaped. Leaves are covered with transparent dots that are visible when held up to the sun.

Legal Status Central Kootenay: FRPA, CCA.

Habitat: Disturbed sites in grasslands and open forest, moist to dry fields, roadsides.

Status and Distribution: Occurs in scattered populations in the Kootenays and Boundary. Widespread throughout the Central Kootenay, and particularly abundant in drier areas of the region such as Deer Park and the Pend d'Oreille valley. See reverse for map of recorded locations.

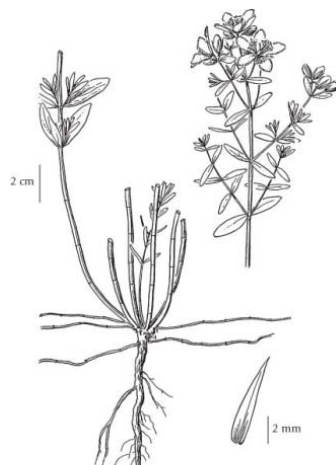
Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: IDFun, ICHdw1, ICHmk1, ICHmw2, ICHxw

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- This species is expected to be under biological control but some populations of the plant are out of phase with the agents (e.g. Pend D'Oreille).
- Monitor sites to confirm agents are present and the plant is not dispersing.

For More Information:

- www.weedsbc.ca/pdf/st_johns_wort.pdf

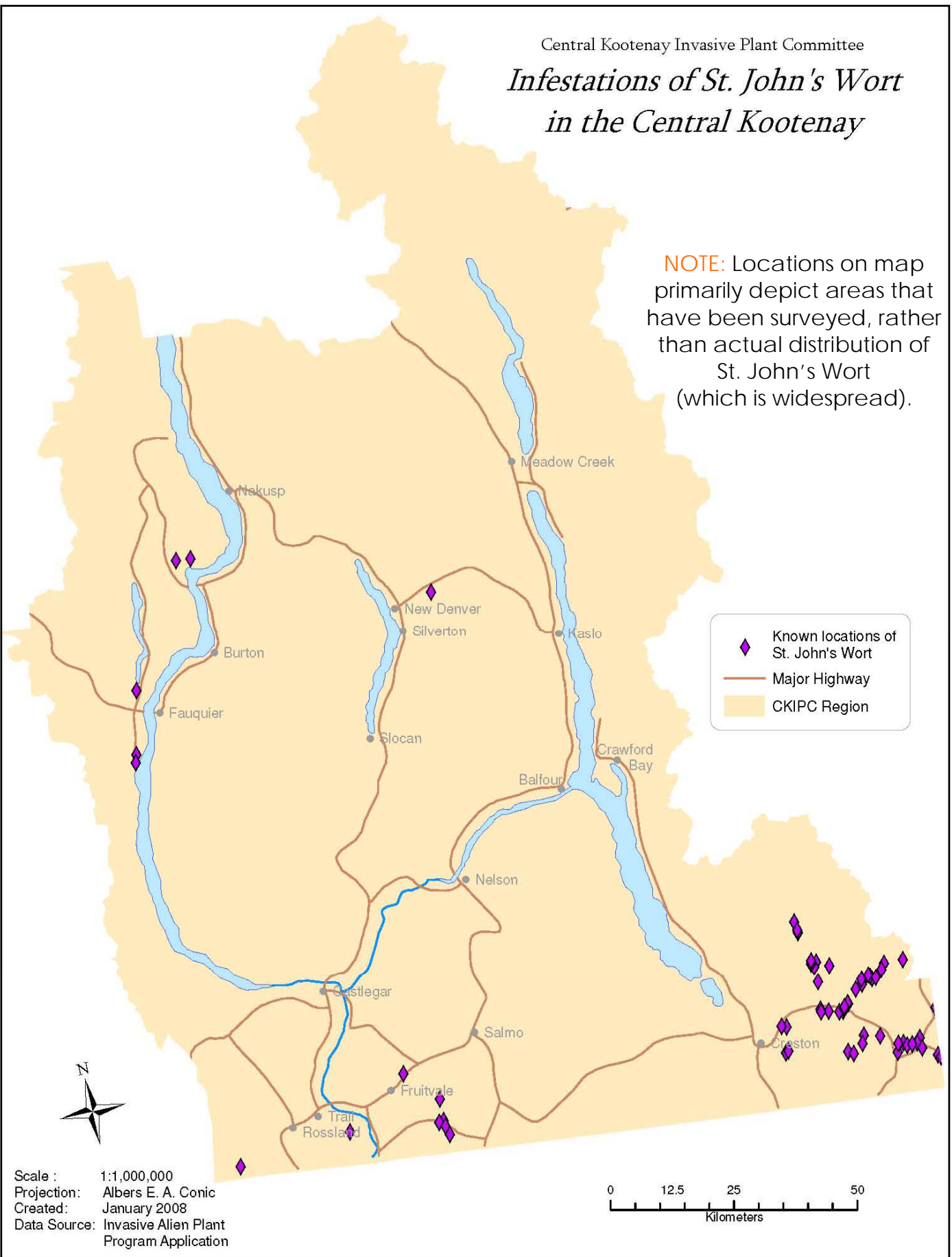


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*Infestations of St. John's Wort
in the Central Kootenay*

NOTE: Locations on map primarily depict areas that have been surveyed, rather than actual distribution of St. John's Wort (which is widespread).



Scale : 1:1,000,000
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