

## BONNER COUNTY NOXIOUS WEEDS

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## **Biological Control Program**

The Bonner County Noxious Weeds Department may obtain biological control agents (weevils, etc.) for select noxious weeds. Currently available agents for noxious weeds inventoried in our county includes Spotted Knapweed and Dalmatian/Yellow Toadflaxes. These are distributed to landowners on a first come, first served basis. Call or email us at any point during the year (the earlier, the better) to place your request in our biocontrol database. Keep in mind—if our allotment is limited, we will prioritize first-time customers. We do not charge for these agents, being that we receive them from the Nez Perce Biocontrol Center at no charge. The NPBC receives their base funding from APHIS, allowing for a no charge model to the end users.

While Biological Control is generally an acceptable integrated noxious weed management tool, especially in difficult to access areas, it is a method that takes a period of several years to achieve any level of population reduction. Eradication should not be expected.

