

THE DIRTY DOZEN

'Here are some of the Top Twelve Unwanted Weeds in the Okanagan-Similkameen'

Colour these weeds! Hint: spotted knapweed has purplish-pink flowers, toadflax has yellow flowers, hound's-tongue has reddish-purple flowers and leafy spurge has greenish-yellow flowers.



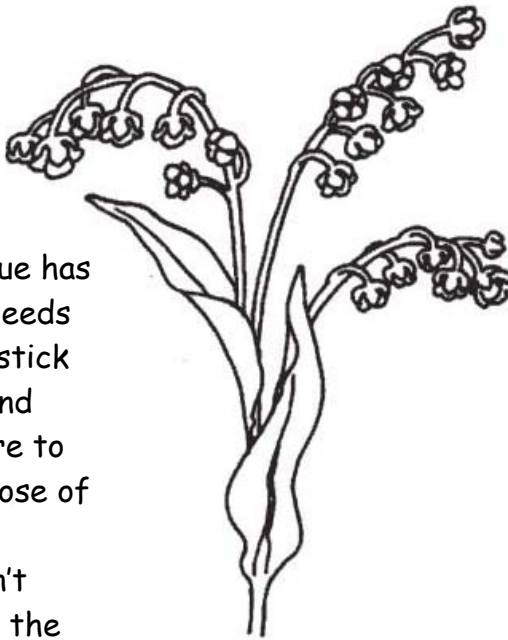
Spotted knapweed releases chemicals into the soil surrounding its roots. These chemicals stop other plants from growing near it and stealing its resources.

DALMATIAN TOADFLAX



Toadflax spreads by seeds and also by creeping roots that store lots of energy and nutrients helping to make it strong.

SPOTTED KNAPWEED



Hound's-tongue has 'Velcro'-like seeds or burs that stick to clothing, and fur. Make sure to properly dispose of burs in the garbage - don't drop them on the ground.

HOUND'S-TONGUE

Good thing there is a beetle that likes to munch through the stems, stopping toadflax in its tracks!



CAUTION! Leafy spurge is filled with a milky latex that causes a painful rash! Wear gloves!!!!

LEAFY SPURGE