

Weld County Field Guide – Introduced Annuals I

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Russian Thistle – very prickly at this stage



Russian Thistle/tumbleweed



Russian Thistle seedling – very grass like, forms dense mats



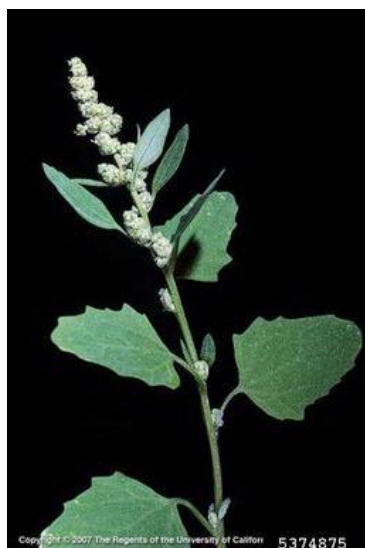
Kochia – no spines



Kochia – forms a dense mat. Germinates as early as February



Kochia seedling – fuzzy, soft, tiny hairs



Lambsquarter flowers as little balls.



Robert Videki, Doronicum Kft., Bugwood.org

Lambsquarter typically has a wet feel to the plant.



Plant Lynn Sosnoskie, Univ of Georgia, Bugwood.org

Lambsquarter young seedling. A grey tint to the leaves is common.



Black medic is a low growing ground cover



Karen A. Rawlins, Univ. of Georgia, Bugwood.org

Black medic has little yellow ball flowers



Black medic has clusters of 3 leaflets like most clovers



Common mallow has pink flowers and woody stems as the plant ages



Common mallow is low growing



Common mallow seed nut-lets



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Common purslane is a succulent type of plant with little yellow flowers



Steve Dewey, Utah St. Univ., Bugwood.org

An individual common purslane plant. In the fall the stems will turn bright red

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Blue Mustard – typically lower growing



Blue Mustard infestation – an early season plant, March/April



Blue Mustard seedling



Flixweed – flowering head and seed pods. The plant is typically 1-2 feet tall.



Flixweed – yellow flowers – an early season plant, March/April



Flixweed – seedling



Tumble Mustard – little yellow flowers



Tumble Mustard – mounding as it starts growing tall – may grow to 3 feet tall



Tumble Mustard – rosette – looks like a thistle, but has no spines

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Field pennycress flowers



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Field pennycress infestation

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Field pennycress seeds



Spiny Sowthistle – a tall plant – purple tint is due to frost



Spiny Sowthistle – cluster of yellow flowers



Spiny Sowthistle – clasping leaves – purple tint is due to frost



Prickly Lettuce growth



Prickly Lettuce flower



Prickly Lettuce spines on the bottom and sides of the leaves and along the stem

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