



Identifying Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

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Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

1. Canada Thistle - 1873
2. Musk Thistle - 1962
3. Leafy Spurge - 1962
4. Plumeless Thistle - 1975
5. Spotted Knapweed - 1992
6. Diffuse Knapweed - 1992
7. Purple Loosestrife — January 2001
8. Saltcedar —January 2005
9. Phragmites — April 2008
10. Japanese Knotweed – February 2011
11. Giant Knotweed– February 2011
12. Sericea Lespedeza – April 1, 2013

Noxious Weed Control Act

- The failure to control noxious weeds on lands in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock and to the welfare of residents of this state and which may devalue land and reduce tax revenue;

Noxious Weed Control Act

- It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.
- County boards or control authorities are responsible for administration of noxious weed control laws at the county level

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Musk Thistle can pretty much grow anywhere if given the chance. This one tried to grow on a concrete slab with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch gap shown below.





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Bare and showing
no stem wings



Stem wings extending
Up to flower – note the
different bracts below the flower

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Seed heads / Flower much smaller – Dime
Size in general and in dense clusters on terminal ends







Dense Monoculture

Other Thistles – Common to NE

- Wavyleaf Thistle
- Tall Thistle
- Bull Thistle
- Scotch Thistle



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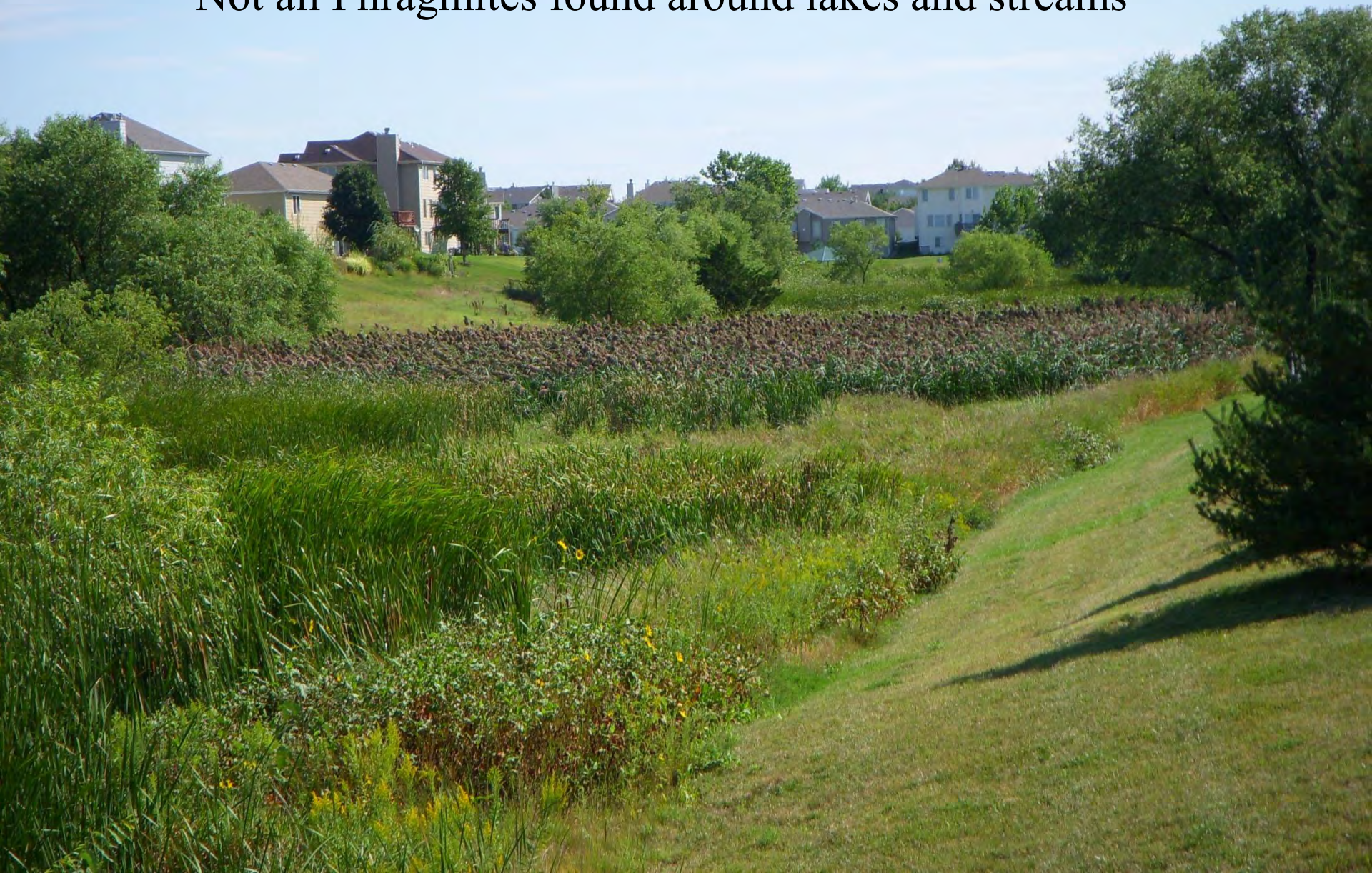
Saltcedar seen as an
ornamental at Mary
Lanning Memorial
Hospital in Hastings

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Not all Phragmites found around lakes and streams











Platte River channel near Lexington



Seed heads during the Winter



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Japanese Knotweed early spring









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Control Recommendations

UNL Extension EC 130

Guide for Weed Management in Nebraska

Noxious Weed Section

- Herbicide
- Rates & Timing
- Cost

Thank you

For more information on noxious weed ID.

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