

Ask Steward:

I struggled this year with identifying plants on my property that I believe are weeds, and want to recognize them as they sprout. Where can I find resources for weed identification?

–Weed Crazy

Dear Weed Crazy,

There are several resources available to help you identify the weeds on your property, including books, websites, local reference guides, and local personnel. Below is a list of helpful resources.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Montana's Noxious Weeds (EB0159)

<https://store.msuextension.org/publications/AgandNaturalResources/EB0159.pdf>

Published by Montana State University Extension, available for purchase at the Montana State University Extension store or at your local Extension office, and online as a PDF or flipbook.

Weed Seedling Identification Guide (EB0215)

https://store.msuextension.org/Products/Weed-Seedling-Identification-Guide-for-Montana-and-the-Northern-Great-Plains-EB0215__EB0215.aspx

Published by Montana State University Extension, available for purchase at the Montana State University Extension store or at your local Extension office. The 168-page guide covers 75 plants species, including 60 broadleaf and 16 grass species.

MSU Extension Store

<https://store.msuextension.org/>

Search 'weed identification' to find publications for identifying and managing more than 40 weed species.

WEBSITES

MSU Extension Invasive Plants

<http://msuinvasiveplants.org/noxioussub.html>

Montana Weed Control Association

<https://www.mtweed.org/weeds/weed-id/>

Montana Noxious Weed Education Campaign

<https://weedawareness.org/>

In addition to the resources above, county weed districts and Extension offices often publish county-specific guides to weed identification. For more help with weed identification, visit your local weed district or Extension office with a fresh plant sample or good digital photos, or call your local Extension agent to do a property site visit if you have multiple weeds to identify. ■

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