

Plant: Common St. Johnswort (*Hypericum perforatum*) **A Twin Falls County listed noxious weed**

Identification: Common St. Johnswort is an upright perennial plant which typically grows 1 to 2.5 feet in height with tap a root and rhizomes. It can have one or multiple stems, which are woody at the base, and reddish colored. Flowers are yellow with 5 petals, and occur in clusters at the end of stems. This plant reproduces through seeds and through rhizomes in the root, making it spread aggressively. Common St. Johnswort is toxic to humans and livestock. Infestations spread rapidly on disturbed, well drained sites such as roadways, trails, meadows, grasslands, and overgrazed range.

Defense: Because it is a perennial with rhizomes in the root system, this plant can be difficult to mechanically remove. It can be dug up, but all parts of the root must be removed. Systematic herbicides are the best form of control on this plant. Escort XP and Milestone, paired with a surfactant are effective options.

Always read and understand the label and restrictions of any pesticide you are using. The label IS the law.

