

**Plant:** Kochia (Bassia Scoparia) This is **NOT** an Idaho State listed noxious weed.

**Identification:** Kochia is an annual plant that can range anywhere up to 6 feet tall. It is native to Asia, and has become one of the biggest problem weeds in our area. It is very green, with slightly hairy leaves, and one main stalk that can be very tough. Each plant can produce 10,000 seeds, and can germinate all year. Kochia is highly competitive in non-grass areas, like ditches, alleys, roadsides, field edges, and gardens.

**Defense:** Because Kochia is an annual, mechanical control is very effective. Early detection and a quick response is the best way to control this plant. Once Kochia gets to 6-10 inches it becomes much more difficult to control. There are some Kochia strands that have become resistant to certain herbicides. 2,4-D has not been very effective on this plant. Dicamba (Vanquish, Banvel), and Fluroxypyr (Vista, Starane) can be effective. Scorch (2,4-D, Fluroxypyr, Dicamba) has shown promising results in younger stages of spraying as well. Mowing is not an effective way to manage Kochia, as it will continue growing after mowing.

**Always read and understand the pesticide label and restrictions on any pesticide you are using. The label is the law.**

