Invasive Plants & Weed

Origin – Where plants came from, area where the plant evolved

- **Native plants:** originated in North America

- **Introduced plants:** Intentionally or accidentally brought to North America

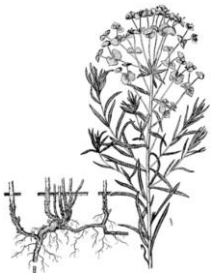
- **Invasive Species:**

  - **What growth characteristics allow invasive species to dominate the ecosystem?**

- **Weeds vs. Noxious Weeds:**

  - **How do weeds impact rangelands?**

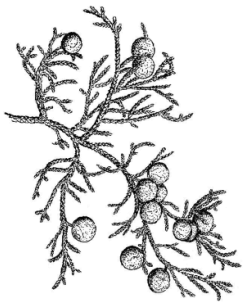
Type	Name	Longevity	Origin
Forb	Leafy Spurge	Perennial	Introduced & Noxious
Forb	Spotted Knapweed	Perennial	Introduced & Noxious
Woody	Salt Cedar	Perennial	Introduced & Noxious
Woody	Juniper	Perennial	Native



- **Leafy Spurge** **Perennial** **Introduced & Noxious**
  - Showy, _____ shaped yellow bracts.
  - Dark roots with _____ buds.
  - Milky resin

- **Spotted Knapweed** **Perennial** **Introduced & Noxious**
  - Composite seedhead with _____ flowers.
  - Distinct "spots"
  - Lower leaves are deeply _____, hairy.

- **Salt Cedar** **Perennial** **Introduced & Noxious**
  - _____ green or blue-green foliage.
  - White to pink flowers that bloom in clusters along tips of stems.
  - Deciduous



- **Juniper** **Perennial** **Native**
  - Leaves look like are overlapping _____.
  - Berry-like fruit that is typically bright _____ (often covered with a white coating).
  - Evergreen