



JVCWMA

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JORDAN VALLEY COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA  
Organized to Prevent and Manage Noxious Weeds



# Rush Skeletonweed

**Description:** An herbaceous perennial ranging from one to four feet tall, with a deep taproot. Rosettes are very similar in appearance to dandelion. The mature plants are dark green, with many sparsely leaved aerial branches, giving it a skeleton like appearance. A distinguishing characteristic is the presence of coarse, downward pointing brown hairs near the stem base. All parts of Rush skeletonweed contain white latex. Yellow flowers are found individually or clusters of 2 to 5. Mature, vigorous plants can produce 1,500 flower heads, with the capability of producing 20,000 seeds. Each seed has a pappus, again similar to Dandelion, capable of carrying seeds on wind currents many miles. Rush skeletonweed also spreads by root shoots making cultivation a major source of spread once it is established. Very aggressive invader in range land and extremely damaging to production agriculture. Losses of native plant habitat and their associated wildlife are well documented in the US. Rush skeletonweed is very expensive to control, this weed can quickly make management costs unbearable.

**Habitat:** Mostly confined to the dry range land of Eastern Oregon. Tends to prefer gravelly or sandy soils, but can be found nearly anywhere, most recently agricultural fields. (Select Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon).

**Please Attend**

Your input is vital to the continued success of the  
Jordan Valley CWMA

## Control Options:

**IF found contact CWMA Office**

### Herbicides

- Transline or Stinger Rosette in fall or spring
- Milestone After rosette forms in spring
- Chaparral After rosette forms in spring
- Tordon Rosette in fall or spring
- Cimarron X-tra Rosette in spring
- Overdrive actively growing plant
- 2,4-D or MCPA rosette in spring

*Always read and follow label directions.  
It's the law.*



The JVCWMA office is located at 508 Swisher Ave. Please call before coming to town, I may be out in the field.

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