

Weed Hit List

Devil's Trumpet – Not Common to area

Plant: Devil's Trumpet is a serious weed in cultivated land, **ALL PARTS OF THE PLANTS ARE POISONOUS.** It is reported the plant has a narcotic effect that may result in death to livestock and humans that ingest it. Less than .1% of body weight is considered lethal dose.

Flowers: The plant has smooth thick red to purple stems, leaves have irregular toothed margins, flowers are white to purplish and trumpet shaped, the seed pod is spiny and egg shaped and may contain up to 600-700 seeds per capsule. The seed capsule will explode expelling the seeds once mature.

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Where to Find This Weed: This invasive weed has been showing up in canola fields, farmers are locating them while swathing.

Devil's Trumpet should be pulled from fields prior to swathing down, once down the seed capsules mature they are more apt to crack open expelling the seed causing more issues in the next year. Also if the canola stubble is baled up for feed this may cause poisoning in livestock feed. And worse if the Devil's Trumpet seed is difficult to clean from canola seed this will cause possible problems in human consumption.

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If hand pulling, please wear gloves and bag the plants for incineration or landfilling.

Open burning may release toxins in the air and cause secondary poisoning

Early detection and eradication is very important to stop the spread.

Please report any sighting to the Westlock County Agricultural Service Board at 780-349-3346 and your Ag Retailer.

