

## Weed Hit List



### Common Tansy

**Plant:** Tansy is a perennial plant with dark green, divided leaves and yellow flowers. Red striping is commonly on the stem and the plant grows up-right, forming dense stands with its creeping roots. Tansy also spreads by seed but needs a period of -20c for the seeds to germinate in spring.

**Flowers:** Flowering in late June- early July, Common Tansy has flat topped flowers that resemble buttons and are yellow in colour. These flowers occur in dense clusters at the top of the stem. The plant can produce over 50,000 seeds per plant that can survive in the seed bank of the soil for a number of years.

**Where to Find This Weed:** This plant prefers sunny, well-drained areas and is commonly found on streambanks, roadsides, disturbed lands, and ringing frequently cultivated fields. In hayland and pastures, it can reduce productivity with its creeping roots. It is unpalatable to livestock and grazing is not an effective means of control. Clipping the flower heads in the fall will control seed production but clippings should be burned.

**This invasive plant is listed in the Alberta Weed Control Act as a Prohibited Noxious Weed. Please call Westlock County Agriculture Services at 780-349-3346 ext. 280 for identification and recommendations.**

