



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

Dyer's Woad *Isatis tinctoria* L.



Dyer's woad is biennial mustard that grows up to 3 feet tall. The stem is waxy and varies in color from bluish to purple green. The leaves are long and simple with prominent white veins. The yellow flowers have four petals and occur in clusters toward the top of the plant. The seed produced is ½ inch long, oval, flat, and black to brown. Each seed pod contains one seed and these pods are the primary mechanism of spread. This plant is easy to mechanically pull as it has a tap root, make

sure to wear gloves whenever pulling any noxious weeds.



Black Seed Pods

Dyer's woad was likely introduced into the U.S. in the 1700's for its use in producing a blue textile dye. Dyer's woad in Teton County is at relatively low numbers, but continues to be found in new locations. Most infestations can be attributed to spread coming up from the south end of the county in the Snake River Canyon. The other primary area of infestation is along the Moose-Wilson highway.

If you find this weed on your property or around Teton County, please report it immediately at 733-8419.



Rosette



Infestation

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