



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

## Saltcedar / Tamarisk *Tamarix spp.*

Saltcedar is deciduous evergreen shrub or small tree growing from 5-20 feet tall. The stems are reddish in appearance, with green scaly leaves. It flowers bright pink with numerous 5 petaled flowers. Stands create monocultures that severally reduce biodiversity, this plant has the ability to transpire up to 200 gallons of water each day and negatively modify soil alkalinity by releasing salt.

Saltcedar or tamarisk, was introduced from Eurasia and is now widespread in the United States. Initially used as an ornamental and

erosion control, it has escaped and has now become naturalized along streams, canals, and reservoirs in much of the West.

Due to the severe threat that this weed poses to our fisheries and wildlife, please keep an eye out for saltcedar while you are floating the Snake River in Teton County. If you think you may have found a saltcedar plant, please mark it and your location and call Teton County Weed & Pest as soon as possible.

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

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Flowers



Red bark &  
Scaly leaves

### An Infestation in Utah

