



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

Black Henbane *Hyoscyamus niger*

Black henbane is a tap rooted annual or biennial that reproduces primarily by seed. The flowers are highly unusual and are brownish yellow with distinct purple veins with a purple to black center. Leaves are large with an irregularly lobed margin and very distinct light colored midribs and veins. The foliage produces a foul odor and has a 'greasy' or oily appearance.

Black henbane was more than likely introduced for its medicinal uses, but has shown itself to be more toxic than useful. This plant contains several toxic alkaloids and can cause failure of the cardio vascular system upon consumption. Additionally there is evidence that the entire plant root to seed is toxic.

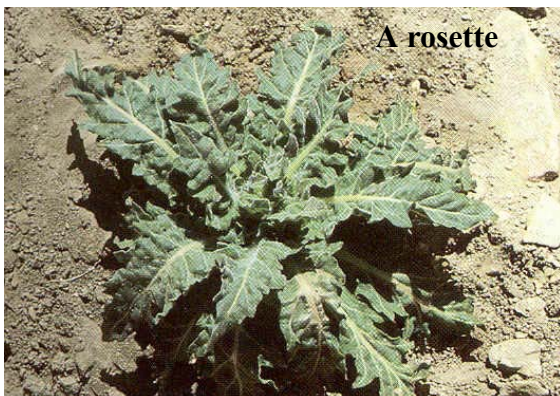
This plant invades disturbed soils and has very fine seeds that travel very well in muddy equipment. This plant is fairly cyclical in its nature and is more of a nuisance in Teton County. **If found on your property or for control options please contact Teton County Weed and Pest District 733-8419.**



A typical early adult plant



Close-up of
flower



A rosette

