



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

Common tansy *Tanacetum vulgare*

Common tansy is a fibrous rooted perennial that spreads from root stalks and seeds. It grows from 18-36 inches in height. It has yellow to orange button flowers that occur in dense flat topped clusters. The stems are red to brown and become woody towards the base of the plant. The leaves of this plant are very aromatic and are very fern like in appearance with very deep alternating lobes.

Tansy has had a long history of uses in the United States and during colonial eras was actual encouraged to be propagated. Historically, it has been used for minor medicinal purposes as well as; a bug deterrent, funeral decoration, to pack meats (for what are seen as anti-fungal and preservative qualities). It's important to note though, this plant also produces toxic alkaloids when consumed by human and animals (if consumed in large quantities). There is some evidence that these alkaloids may also be absorbable through the skin, so wear gloves when you are handling tansy.

In Teton County common tansy has been seen moving along old irrigation ditches, invading moderately wet sites, and establishing in riparian areas. **For help managing infestations please call Teton County Weed & Pest District 733-8419.**



A shrubby appearing adult plant



A very aggressive infestation