



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

Houndstongue *Cynoglossum officinale*

Houndstongue is a tap rooted biennial that reproduces by a heart-shaped bur seed. The plant has a rosette stage where it has broad leaves rarely over 8 inches tall. The flowers are reddish purple in color with five very short petals and form clusters towards the top of the plant. The leaves are broad and the entire plant is covered with soft white hairs. The plants general range in height 16-48 inches. Seeds turn light brown and are commonly found stuck to your socks or in your pets' fur. Please throw the seeds in the trash instead of on the ground.



Seeds



All stages of flowering

Houndstongue is toxic when consumed in enough quantities by animals as it contains an alkaloid that stops liver cells from reproducing.

In Teton County this plant invades multiple habitats by transporting itself on the fur of migrating wildlife. It can be found in most soil types and is extremely invasive.

For help in controlling this noxious weed, please contact Teton County Weed & Pest District 733-8419.



First year rosette



Dense infestation on disturbed soil