



## **MANITOBA GRASSLAND INVASIVE SPECIES TO WATCH FOR AND BE AWARE OF**

### **Leafy Spurge**

- Two large, yellow-green, heart-shaped floral leaves make flowering heads quite prominent
- Introduced from Europe in 1800s, invades grasslands and disturbed areas
- Contains poisonous latex sap that can kill cattle in large amounts and may cause dermatitis in humans and livestock

### **Spotted knapweed**

- Slender stem and can reach heights of up to approximately 1.5 metres
- Purple flowers, surrounding leaves have black tips
- Grows quickly underground, preventing other plants from establishing roots

### **Red Bartsia**

- Reddish purple flowers develop in tall clusters on the top half of stems
- Found primarily in pastures, hayfields, and roadsides.
- Produces 1400 seeds a year (per plant!), seeds have coarse hairs that stick to clothing and fur, allowing Red Bartsia to spread widely

### **Common Tansy**

- Flowers are yellow and button-like, occurring in dense, flat-topped clusters at the tops of the stems
- Long history of medicinal and horticultural use, can still be found in some garden centres (though it shouldn't be!)
- Toxic to both humans and livestock if consumed in large quantities.

### **Scentless Chamomile**

- Flowers are composed of a yellow central disk surrounded by white petals (like a Daisy)
- Is widely dispersed by water and prefers heavy clay soils
- A single, healthy plant can cover 1 square metre and produce up to 1,000,000 seeds
- Since it is scent-less, it does not make a very tasty tea