



## TOLLING BELLFLOWERS AND NATIVE BIODIVERSITY

### International Day for Biological Diversity – May 22

This year's theme for Biodiversity Day ties in with the International Year of the Forest: <http://www.cbd.int/idb/>. Remember our urban forest, too, and its lower profile shrub and grassland neighbours in which we are amidst. Thinking of planting new species this spring? Why not go for site-sustainable natives! Once established, they are perfectly designed for this climate. A healthy garden, hedgerow, or back alley all support the native bees and other insects critical to ecological integrity through native biodiversity.

Are you harboring illegals in your garden? Did you know Alberta's revised Weed Control Act came into effect last June? See the updated listing below of Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds. You can obtain a more detailed list with the scientific names in the full Act at: [www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2010\\_019.pdf](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2010_019.pdf).

When going door-to-door with election materials recently, I certainly noticed a profusion of listed noxious weeds in many gardens. Most of these were once readily available at garden centres, but escaped ornamentals have become a serious threat to natural

areas. For example, Brentwood is one of many neighbourhoods becoming overrun with creeping bellflower. It is particularly hard to eradicate as it spreads most effectively by its rhizomes. If you try to dig it up and break a root, you will then have two plants growing back instead of one! Please do whatever you can to control the spread of these aliens, and help educate your neighbours, too! Check out the Alberta Native Plant Council [www.anpc.ab.ca](http://www.anpc.ab.ca) and Alberta Invasive Plants Council [www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/](http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/) websites for Dos & Don'ts this growing season.

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Are You Harboring any of these Illegal Aliens in Your Garden?

### Prohibited Noxious weeds in Alberta

autumn olive  
balsam, Himalayan  
barberry, common  
bartsia, red  
buckthorn, common  
cinquefoil, sulphur  
crupina, common  
dyer's woad  
Eurasian water milfoil  
flowering rush  
garlic mustard  
goatgrass, jointed  
hawkweed, meadow, mouse-ear, orange  
hoary alyssum  
hogweed, giant  
iris, pale yellow  
knapweed, bighead, black, brown,  
diffuse, hybrid, knapweed, meadow,  
Russian, spotted, squarrose, Tyrol

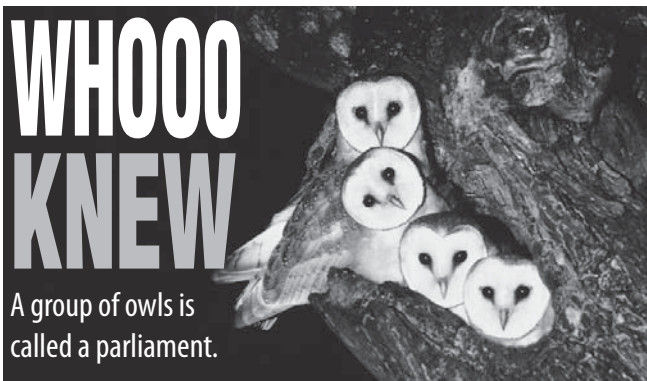


knotweed, giant, hybrid Japanese, Japanese loosestrife, purple medusahead nutsedge, yellow puncturevine ragwort, tansy rush skeletonweed saltcedar saltlover St John's-wort, common starthistle, yellow tamarisk, Chinese, small-flower thistle, marsh, nodding, plumeless

**Noxious weeds in Alberta**

baby's-breath, common bellflower, creeping bindweed, field blueweed brome, downy, Japanese burdock, great, lesser,

woolly buttercup, tall chamomile, scentless clematis, yellow cockle, white daisy, oxeye dame's rocket henbane, black hoary cress, globe-podded, heart-podded, lens-podded hound's-tongue mullein, common pepper-grass, broad-leaved scabious, field sow thistle, perennial spurge, leafy tansy, common thistle, Canada or creeping toadflax, Dalmatian, yellow




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