Common Tansy

*(Tanacetum vulgare)*

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?** A perennial that spreads by seeds and root stock. Stems grow in clusters to 6 feet tall causing the plant to have a bush appearance. It has small button-like yellow flowers in flat-topped clusters and fern-like leaves which emit a strong odor when crushed.

**WHERE DOES IT GROW?** A native of Europe, it was introduced as an ornamental and a medicinal plant. It can become a problem in pastures, roadsides and abandoned property.

**WHEN DOES IT BLOOM?** Blooms from June until heavy frost. Dried flower stalks remain through the winter.

**HOW DO I CONTROL IT?**

- **Prevention:** Cut and destroy the flower heads before they go to seed.
- **Cultural:** Encourage desirable vegetation to grow in problem areas. Over seeding and fertilizing in the fall will help crowd out this weed.
- **Mechanical:** Mowing or weed-eating works best in summer.
- **Biological:** No bio-control insects are being used at this time in Idaho or neighboring states. Sheep and goats may graze young plants, although common tansy is not very palatable.
- **Chemical:** Herbicides are most effective in the spring and again in the fall.
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