



# 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.
- For more information please contact:

**Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control**  
**10905 N. Ramsey Road**  
**Hayden, ID 83835**  
**208-446-1290 / TTY 208-446-2145**  
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