



Plant These!



Penstemon species
(*Penstemon spp.*)

Idaho is home to so many amazing species of Penstemons, it's hard to choose just one! Flower colors range from blue, purple, pink, to white, and bloom times vary, making them a great addition to pollinator gardens. Penstemons grow fairly easily from seed, and are becoming more widely available at many nurseries and seed companies.



Not Those!



Bachelor's Button
(*Centaurea cyanus*)

Pollinators are attracted to this bright blue, purple, or white blooming annual flower that has spread from backyard into the Boise foothills. Its ability to colonize quickly is concerning, as it outcompetes native wildflowers and the dead stems create flammable thatch that increases wildfire danger.

What are weeds?

It's important to know that no plant is truly a weed. In their natural habitat, plants that we consider "weeds" serve important ecological functions. When a plant is introduced somewhere new, where it may have no natural controls and finds favorable conditions, it may become invasive.

How else can I help?

- **Inspect** your shoes, clothing, vehicles, and animals both before going to and returning from natural or agricultural areas and discard any seeds you find.
- **Remove** invasive species by extracting all above and below ground parts.
- **Discard** into trash, never compost, all parts of invasive plants in sealed bags or containers to prevent further seed dispersal.
- **Avoid chemical controls**, especially in or near wild areas, due to the non-specific nature and potential long-lasting hazard to the land.
- **Join the Idaho Native Plant Society** to learn how to identify which plant species are:
 - Appropriate for your landscape
 - Native to the Intermountain West



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