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\*\*\*\*\*NOXIOUS WEED ALERT\*\*\*\*\*

# Coltsfoot (Tussilago)

Coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*) is a native of Europe and Asia. Coltsfoot gets its specific name from the old name for the White Poplar, Farfarus, since the leaves of this herb have a similar appearance. Historically, coltsfoot was used by herbalists for treating respiratory difficulties. It is still available today through various herbal websites. In some countries its use has been prohibited or regulated. Coltsfoot is a "Class A" weed in Oregon.

### Why is it a problem?

In the Eastern U.S. and Canada the most common location for coltsfoot is on roadsides, both country roads and highways. From this foothold, it spreads by seed or rhizomes to adjacent tilled fields. While this weed does not spread rapidly, it is of concern because of its competitive nature in corn fields and other vegetable crops where there are very few herbicides that will control it adequately without impacting the seeded crop.

### What Can You Do?

The Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District, as the agent for Tillamook County Weed Control District, is asking for your help in identifying populations of Coltsfoot in Tillamook County. If you observe Coltsfoot, contact our

office immediately and we will assist in its documentation and prompt removal.

There are no known sites of this plant in Oregon, however, Tillamook County is prime habitat. There was one confirmed find that was eradicated in Hood River County.

Disturbed locations such as roadsides, trails, pond and river edges and areas that have undergone invasive plant removal, may be more vulnerable to invasion. Since this plant thrives in disturbed environments; where locations allow, minimize soil disturbance during management. When possible, carry out control methods when pollinators are not active on plants. Also, make sure to clean shoes, clothing, and equipment when leaving infestations to prevent spreading seeds and rhizome fragments to new locations.

### How Do I Report Coltsfoot?

Please call the Tillamook SWCD at: (503) 842-2848 ext: 103

-or-

Report Online at:

<https://oregoninvasiveshotline.org/>



Large heart-shaped leaves of Coltsfoot in a disturbed roadside area. (Photo: wildherb.com)



Coltsfoot has moved into this riparian area following control of other invasive species.. (Photo: EDDMaps)