

# Fort Wainwright **WEEDS** to **WATCH FOR**

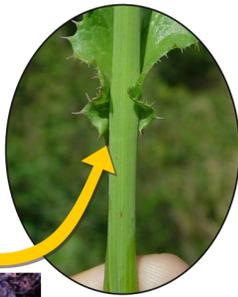
**Action: Record location, pull or remove flowers**

**Perennial Sowthistle**  
(*Sonchus arvensis*)



**STEM:** 2-4 ft. tall, thick, exudes a milky latex when broken

**LEAVES:** Large, prickly, clasping the stem



**FLOWERS:** Yellow, dandelion-like flowers in loose clusters

**WHERE FOUND:** Disturbed areas, roadsides



**Bird Vetch**  
(*Vicia cracca*)



**STEM:** trailing or climbing, not winged

**LEAVES:** 8-10 pairs of leaflets, branched tendrils

**FLOWERS:** Blue to violet, bell shaped, clusters

**WHERE FOUND:** Disturbed areas and roadsides, will spread into undisturbed natural areas



**Canada Waterweed**  
(*Elodea canadensis*)



**STEM:** Aquatic, long, trailing stems

**LEAVES:** Lower leaves opposite, upper leaves in whorls of 3, translucent, stalkless

**FLOWERS:** Rare; small white flowers on tiny stalks bloom upon the water surface

**WHERE FOUND:** In slow flowing streams, lakes and ponds



**White Sweetclover**  
(*Melilotus alba*)



**STEM:** Branched, leafy

**LEAVES:** Clusters of three, long oval leaflets

**FLOWERS:** White, sweet-smelling, stalk-like clusters

**HABIT:** Size ranges from small (1-8 in.) for 1st year plants to tall (up to 4 ft.) for 2nd year plants

**WHERE FOUND:** Disturbed areas, roadsides and gravel bars and shores of rivers



**Yellow Toadflax**  
(*Linaria vulgaris*)



**STEM:** Woody, rarely branched

**LEAVES:** Numerous, small, skinny pale green

**FLOWERS:** Yellow with orange throats, snapdragon-like spurs, fruits are ovate capsules

**HABIT:** Forms dense colonies in disturbed areas

**WHERE FOUND:** Disturbed areas, roadsides and lawns, will spread into undisturbed natural areas



**European Bird Cherry**  
(*Prunus padus*)



**STEM:** Purple-grey to brown bark, speckled

**LEAVES:** Oval/egg shaped, toothed edges, two glands at base of reddish purple petiole (leaf stem)

**FLOWERS:** Clusters of fragrant, whitish flowers

**HABIT:** Shrubby, small tree, highly branched with a broad crown

**WHERE FOUND:** Along streams and rivers, wooded areas and open fields

