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WANTED

(Dead, Not Alive)



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BITTERSWEET NIGHTSHADE

(a.k.a. Solanum dulcamara)

This weedy, seedy, desperado was last seen growing in Springfield

CRIMES COMMITTED:

- ◆ Costing a bundle for taxpayers to control
- ◆ Choking and the deliberate takeover of native plants
- ◆ Stealing land, homes, water, and food from wildlife
- ◆ Invading open lands, roadsides, waterways, and recreation areas
- ◆ Wreaking havoc and mayhem on unsuspecting ecosystems

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:

- ◆ Woody perennial vine growing 6 to 12 feet in height
- ◆ Lower leaves are alternating and oval-shaped
- ◆ Upper leaves are commonly 3 lobed with 2 shorter lateral segments
- ◆ Flowers are purple with yellow centers and grow in clusters
- ◆ Berries are red and are poisonous to humans and animals

CONTROL METHODS:

- ◆ Pull young plants, removing the root, and all plant material
- ◆ Remove budding stalks during the flowering season to stop seeding
- ◆ Can be mowed repeatedly during each growing season
- ◆ Allow plant material to dry before composting

JOIN THE INVASIVE-WEED PATROL:

- ◆ Notify your neighbors when you spot this weed on their land
- ◆ Remove all weed seeds from clothing, shoes, pets, camping gear, and tires
- ◆ Report any sightings on public lands to your local land managers

REWARD

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Environmental Services Division
(541)726-3694

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Additional Information

Oregon Department of Agriculture: Invasive Species Hotline: 1-866-468-2337

Noxious Weed Control Program: (503)986-4621 or Oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/index.shtml

Lane County Extension Service: (541)682-4242 or 1-800-872-8980 or Extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/index.php

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides: (541)344-5044 or Pesticide.org

Native Plant Society of Oregon Emerald Chapter: EmeraldNPSO.org