CLASS “B” NOXIOUS WEED: *Control required*

Policeman’s helmet

(Impatiens glandulifera)

- Annual plant that can grow 3–10' tall
- Stem is succulent, hairless, hollow, and can break easily
- Leaves are oblong, about 6" long, with sharply toothed margins
- Flowers can be white, pink, or purple and appear from mid-June through October
- Fruit has capsules with small black seeds
- Each plant can produce up to 800 seeds, which are ejected up to 20' from capsule
- May look similar to other *Impatiens*

CONTROL METHOD	TIMING AND NOTES (Regardless of control method chosen, multiple treatments may be needed each year)
Hand-pulling/ digging	Easy to pull. Regrows from roots so remove as much of root system as possible.
Mowing/cutting	Not recommended. Stems can re-root if left on ground.
Black plastic	Not recommended.
Tilling	Not recommended.
Bark mulch	Mulch alone will only reduce germination. Mulch should be 3–4 inches thick.
Herbicide (active ingredient)	**Timing is crucial!** Herbicide treatments must occur before plants bloom. Always read and follow the herbicide label. If plants are flowering, it is too late to apply herbicide. If the weeds have produced seed, bag plants and place in garbage, not compost. Use in wetland settings requires caution and possibly permitting. Check herbicide label for restrictions.
Aminopyralid or *Triclopyr*	Apply in spring before flowering. Monitor year-round and re-treat if plants regrow.
Glyphosate	Apply in very early spring, as soon as plants are actively growing. ***Glyphosate* will kill grass.** May take up to two weeks to show effects.

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Close-up of flower and leaf



Close-up of flowers



Close-up of stem



Root and leaves

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