

Weed

OF THE WEEK



Provincial Designation:

Noxious

Key Identifiers:

- Flowers are yellow, numerous, and button-like, occurring in dense, flat-topped clusters at the tops of the stems
- Leaves alternate on the stem and are deeply divided into numerous narrow, individual leaflets with toothed edges

Habitat Preferences:

- Common Tansy grows best in full sun and fertile, well-drained soil.

Control:

- Herbicides that are registered for use on common tansy - always check product labels.
- Regular mowing can reduce seed production but must be repeated to eliminate regrowth from rootstock.
- The most effective control method combines mowing or hand cutting with chemical control and encouraging competition from native vegetation.

Common
Tansy
(*Tanacetum
vulgare*)



Prevention

- Because of its long medicinal and horticultural use, Common Tansy is still available in plant nurseries and from herbal remedy suppliers. Gardeners should not purchase or grow Common Tansy.