

Burdock

Wanted Dead, Not Alive



Burdock is a nasty introduced plant with Velcro-like seed heads that entrap songbirds and bats, slowly causing their deaths. You may know burdock from brushing against it and getting the burs caught in your hair, your clothes, or your dog's fur. If we don't let the plant go to seed, it will die out.

For more information, : <http://sacajaweaudubon.org/citizen-science-projects/knock-out-burdock/>

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What you can do...

You can help Sacajawea Audubon remove burdock from Bozeman's neighborhoods and trails.

Know how to identify Burdock: It's a biennial, meaning it takes two years to complete its lifecycle. The first year it produces only large rhubarb-like leaves. The second year, it sends up a long stalk with purple flowers on tips of prickly balls of burrs. They bloom from mid-July to mid-August.

Removing Burdock: It's easy! Simply lop the plant at the base and put it in your garbage can to go to the county landfill. If space is a concern, you can just clip off the burr clusters and put them in the garbage. **The key here is to cut the burdock in August while it's still blooming.** If you cut it down *after* it has set seed, you will help the plant spread its seed. For large difficult stands, it is very effective to spray the leaves with Roundup or Weed B Gone, taking care not to spray other plants in the process.

Become part of our Burdock Army! Help knock out Burdock!



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