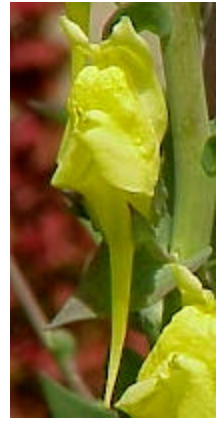


# Weed of The Week:

## Dalmatian Toadflax

(*Linaria genistifolia*)



### Weed description:

Dalmatian toadflax has a snapdragon appearance and is a member of the figwort family. Originally from Europe, it was introduced as an ornamental plant only to escape and become a noxious weed. This perennial will grow to heights ranging from 2 to 4 feet and reproduces from seed as well as from underground roots. Its leaves are heart shaped, waxy, and clasp the stem. Flowers are bright yellow with deep orange centers and are about an inch long. Dalmatian toadflax emerges in April and will flower throughout the growing season.

### Distribution:

Distribution of dalmatian toadflax is fairly limited in Arapahoe County at this time but that is rapidly changing. New infestations are popping up throughout the western half of the County with the largest infestations occurring along Cherry Creek and in the Town of Foxfield. This is not true for the rest of Colorado. It is now widely distributed throughout the higher elevations and is now creeping into the Front Range and Western Slope.

### Why is it a problem?

Dalmatian toadflax is a problem to rangeland, pastures and grasslands because it decreases the amount of usable forage for grazing animals. It can also reduce land value, reduce wildlife habitat and forage, displace native plants, and decrease native plant and animal diversity. By displacing native plants and animals, dense infestations threaten natural ecosystems and nature reserves by fragmenting sensitive plant and animal habitat. This plant is extremely difficult to control because of its resistance to herbicides, seed dispersal methods and extensive underground root system.



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