

Leafy Spurge

Euphorbia esula

Euphorbiaceae (Spurge Family)

Category:

Noxious



- **Information:** Introduced from Eurasia.
- **Life cycle:** Perennial.
- **Root:** Brownish rhizomes with pink buds.
- **Leaves:** Alternate, narrow, 2-10cm long. Stems and leaves contain a white milky sap.
- **Stems:** Up to 90cm tall.
- **Flower:** Seven to 10 yellowish green flowers in small clusters. The inconspicuous flower is subtended by showy, heart-shaped yellow bracts.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Oblong, grayish to purple, and borne in a three-celled fruit.
- **Toxic:** Horses, cattle, humans.
- **Control:** Chemical, do not cultivate.

<http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/Downloads/ES-LeafySpurge.pdf>