

Weld County Field Guide – Introduced Annuals I

The pictures below are only for providing identifying features of misidentified annual weeds in Weld County.



Russian Thistle – very prickly at this stage



Russian Thistle/tumbleweed



Russian Thistle seedling – very grass like, forms dense mats



Kochia – no spines



Kochia – forms a dense mat.
Germinates as early as February



Kochia seedling – fuzzy, soft, tiny hairs



Lambsquarter flowers appear as little balls.



Lambsquarter typically has a greyish cast to the plant.



Lambsquarter seedling. Feels rough and wet to the touch.



Black medic is a low growing ground cover



Black medic has little yellow ball flowers



Black medic has clusters of 3 leaflets like most clovers



Common mallow has pink flowers and woody stems as the plant ages



Common mallow is low growing



Common mallow seed nut-lets



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Common purslane is a succulent type of plant with little yellow flowers



An individual common purslane plant. In the fall the stems will turn bright red



For assistance in dealing with these weeds and noxious weeds go to www.weldweeds.org or call 970-400-3770