Invasive Plants & Weed

Origin – Where plants came from, area where the plant evolved

- **Native plants**: originated in North America

- **Introduced plants**: Intentionally or accidentally brought to North America

- **Invasive Species**:
  
  - What growth characteristics allow invasive species to dominate the ecosystem?

- **Weeds vs. Noxious Weeds**:
  
  - How do weeds impact rangelands?
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- **Leafy Spurge**
  - Perennial
  - Introduced & Noxious
  - Showy, _______ shaped yellow bracts.
  - Dark roots with __________ buds.
  - Milky resin

- **Spotted Knapweed**
  - Perennial
  - Introduced & Noxious
  - Composite seedhead with ______ flowers.
  - Distinct “spots”
  - Lower leaves are deeply __________, hairy.

- **Salt Cedar**
  - Perennial
  - Introduced & Noxious
  - ______ green or blue-green foliage.
  - White to pink flowers that bloom in clusters along tips of stems.
  - Deciduous

- **Juniper**
  - Perennial
  - Native
  - Leaves look like are overlapping ____________.
  - Berry-like fruit that is typically bright _______ (often covered with a white coating).
  - Evergreen