

WANTED DEAD

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- Native to Asia
- Grows anywhere and is drought and shade tolerant
- Reduces native vegetation
- The high levels of tannins make it unpalatable to grazers
- Produces an allelopathic chemical that inhibits other vegetations growth
- Requires more water than other warm season plants
- Erect stems can reach 5 feet in height
- Each stem produces over 1,000 seeds that can remain viable for up to 20 years

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