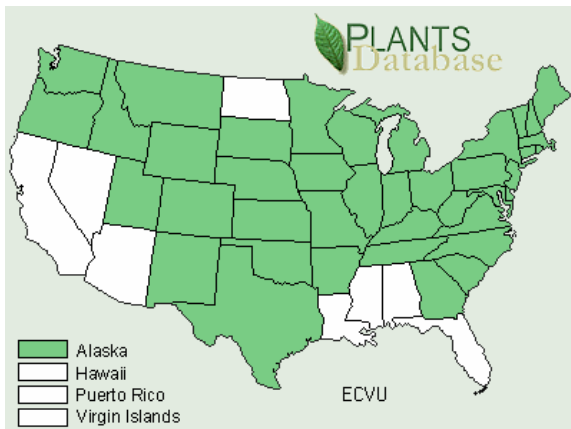


Blueweed (*Echium vulgare*)



Photos courtesy of Sweet Grass County

United States Distribution¹



Sweet Grass County

Blueweed (*Echium vulgare*) - This plant was first discovered just below the Natural Bridge in 2002. Isolated plants have been found along the East Boulder Road, KenDan subdivision, Main Boulder Road and the West Boulder. Acres infested are estimated to be less than 20. However this plant has the potential to invade areas aggressively and quickly.

¹ NRCS Plants Database

Bluweed (*Echium vulgare*)

Listing Status:	Sweet Grass County Listed noxious weed		
History:	First Montana Specimen Collected		County
	County: Ravalli	Year: 1925	Year First Specimen Recorded²
	Showy biennial to short lived perennial introduced from Europe. This plant reproduces by seed only and produces 500-2000 seeds per plant.		Park Sweet Grass Stillwater Carbon Yellowstone Treasure Rosebud Custer Prairie Dawson Richland McKenzie
Growth Habit:	Showy biennial or perennial spreading only by seed.		
Leaves:	Leaves are narrowly elliptical and covered with stiff hairs.		
Stem:	Unbranched and covered in stiff hairs with a swollen base.		
Flower:	Numerous spikes of closely wedged funnel shaped flowers with protruding stamens on the upper side of short stems		
Roots:	Large black taproot		
Seeds:	500-2000 seeds per plant		
Other Notes:	Reproduces by seed only.		

² Invaders Database, Peter M. Rice, Division of Biological Sciences, University of Montana