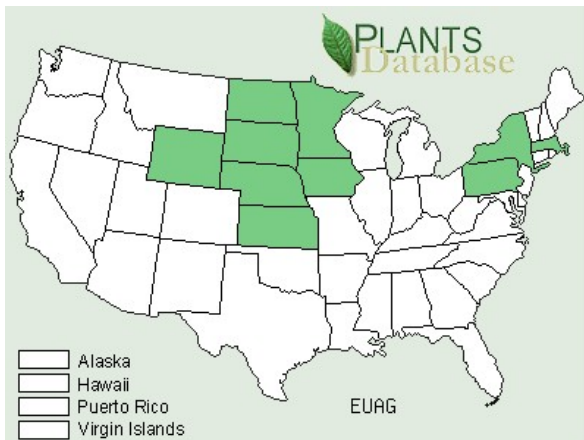


Urban Spurge (*Euphorbia agraria*)



Photos courtesy of Sweet Grass County

United States Distribution¹



Sweet Grass County

Urban spurge (*Euphorbia agraria*) – was first thought to be a mutated leafy spurge. It took several years to get a positive identification as Urban spurge. This weed is found in the Northeastern part of Sweet Grass County. In 2005 a survey was done for the extent and general location of this species. There is estimated to be 600 acres infested with Urban spurge.

¹ NRCS Plants Database

Urban spurge (*Euphorbia agraria*)

Listing Status: County	Sweet Grass County Listed noxious weed		
History: Urban spurge is an invasive plant species native to Eastern Europe and Western Asia. The last record in the United States prior to the 2002 identification was in Platte County, Wyoming in 1978. Little is also known as to how it arrived in the US or how it was introduced to Montana. A possibility is contaminated seed mix and/or contaminated equipment.	First Montana Specimen Collected		Year First Specimen Recorded²
	County: Sweet Grass	Year: 2002	Park Sweet Grass Stillwater Carbon Yellowstone Treasure Rosebud Custer Prairie Dawson Richland McKenzie
	Perennial forb with extensive rhizomes and deep roots. Very similar in appearance to the more common leafy spurge, but Urban has stout thick stems and leaves and is generally more robust.		
Growth Habit:	Long lived perennial		
Leaves:	Broadly ovate-lanceolate thick and somewhat fleshy		
Stem:	Thick 1-2 cm in diameter		
Flower:	Similar to leafy spurge		
Roots:	Extensive rhizomes and deep roots		
Seeds:			
Other Notes:	Reproduces by seed and rhizomes.		

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