



# WEED OF THE MONTH



## Oblong Spurge

*Euphorbia oblongata* PEST RATING: Class B

### Eradication Target species in Siskiyou Co.

**Description:** A conspicuous perennial plant growing up to 3' tall, producing white latex when damaged.

- ~ Red stems present,
- ~ Leaves bright green to yellow green, oblong to narrow in shape with finely toothed edges,
- ~ Showy yellow bracts surround the small flowers,
- ~ Whorl of yellow leaves found beneath the flowers,
- ~ Fruit is a spherical capsule about half a centimeter long containing smooth brown seeds.

This is a close relative of leafy spurge, which has devastated rangelands across Montana, the Dakotas, and other western states. The plant reproduces both by seed and through a vigorous root system so dig the entire root! Mowing will spread new shoots. Oblong spurge produces a toxic white latex sap when the stems are broken so wear gloves.



The SRRC crews are digging this weed from April through June.

Info about noxious weeds, what we're doing to control them, and how you can help, can be found on our website: [www.srrc.org](http://www.srrc.org) or give us a call at 530-462-4665.

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