

## Leafy Spurge *Euphorbia esula*

### Why should I get to know this weed?

Weeds, such as leafy spurge, can degrade the ecological and economic values of the lands we care about by altering native plant communities. When weeds are detected early, they can be more easily removed or contained. Preventing weeds from spreading into new areas is beneficial to all of us!

### How can I identify it?

Leafy spurge is a single-stemmed plant, grows up to 3 feet tall, and occupies habitats ranging from moist riparian areas to dry mountain slopes.



clusters of yellowish-green flowers

stem and leaves contain a milky sap

narrow leaves, 1 to 4 inches long

### Where should I report my sightings?

- County Weed District
- County Extension Office
- State Dept. of Agriculture
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service

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A weed you should get to know.



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