

WEED OF THE WEEK- DEVIL'S TRUMPET

Identification

Devil's Trumpet (also known as Jimsonweed) is a serious weed in cultivated land, **ALL PARTS OF THE PLANTS ARE POISONOUS**. It is reported the plant has a narcotic effect that may result in death to livestock and humans that ingest it. Less than .1% of body weight is considered lethal dose. Please **report any sighting** to the Westlock County Agricultural Service Board at **780-349-3346** and your Ag Retailer.

Flower Flowers are trumpet-shaped and can be white to purple in colour

Leaves Deep green leaves that have coarse, irregular, toothed edges

Stem Smooth thick red to purple stems.

Seed The prickly seedpod is large and round, egg shaped and may contain up to 600-700 seeds per capsule. The seed capsule will explode expelling the seeds once mature.

Control This invasive weed has been showing up in canola fields, farmers are locating them while swathing. Devil's Trumpet should be pulled from fields prior to swathing down. And worse if the Devil's Trumpet seed is difficult to clean from canola seed this will cause possible problems in human consumption. Wear gloves and long sleeves when hand pulling. Double bag the plants and take to the landfill. Do not compost or burn Jimsonweed as this releases the toxins. Do not bale canola stubble for feed in fields where Jimsonweed has been found as it is toxic to livestock.

