

But some weeds are pretty! Are they really that bad?

Yes, they really are. The seeds can get out into neighboring forest lands by wind, animals, cars, and even your feet. Once there, they can take over meadows, and ruin the habitat for native plants and animals. Even though some weeds such as Oxeye daisies and yellow toadflax are pretty (after all, they're escaped from cultivation), they're aggressive bullies, and won't play nicely with our natives.

Diverse wildflower meadow ↔ Oxeye daisy infestation

Which do you prefer?



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There are lots of beautiful flowers you can grow instead -- and feel good about them. Come in to the CSU Extension office at the Exhibit Barn for ideas.