

# Tumble pigweed

*Amaranthus albus L.*

Pigweed Family

## Key identifying traits

- ❑ Leaves are alternate and have recessed venation
- ❑ Plants have many branches and grow from 6-36" tall
- ❑ Flowers grow in small spiny clusters at the base of the leaves
- ❑ Seeds are shiny black and are lens shaped

## Biology and ecology

- An annual plant spreading by its prolific seed production
- It is usually found in a disturbed area or cultivated site
- This plant is a native species found throughout most of the U.S.
- After plants mature they tend to break off and tumble along the ground
- Pigweeds can be high in nitrates and toxic to livestock

## Control

*Prevention* - Learn to identify plants; start monitoring early in the season

*Biological* - No known biological control in our area

*Cultural* - Plant competitive grass or other cover crop

*Mechanical* - The plant can be controlled by tillage or hand pulling

*Chemical* - There are many herbicides listed for control of pigweeds-products with dicamba such as "Weedmaster" are recommended. Also refer to the [PNW Weed Management handbook](#) for specific chemical recommendations



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**Where found** – Scattered throughout Stevens County and can be a nuisance in gardens and flower beds.