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Scientific name:	Centaurea stoebe ssp. micranthos s.l. (including C. biebersteinii, C. diffusa, C. maculosa misapplied, C. xpsammogena)USDA Plants Code: CESTM, CEDI3, CEPS
Common names:	Spotted knapweed, spotted star-thistle
Native distribution:	Southeastern Europe
Date assessed:	July 16, 2012
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Indiana Invasiveness Rank: High (Relative Maximum Score 70.00-80.00)

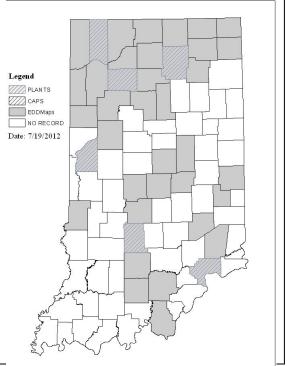
	asiveness Ranking Summary	Total (Total Answered*)	Total
(see	e details under appropriate sub-section)	Possible	
1	Ecological impact	40 (<u>37</u>)	28
2	Biological characteristic and dispersal ability	25 (<u>25</u>)	19
3	Ecological amplitude and distribution	25 (<u>25</u>)	22
4	Difficulty of control	10 (<u>10</u>)	8
	Outcome score	100 (<u>97</u>) ^b	77 ^a
	Relative maximum score [†]		79.38
	Indiana Invasiveness Rank ⁸	High (Relative Maximum Score 70.00-80.00)	

* For questions answered "unknown" do not include point value in "Total Answered Points Possible." If "Total Answered Points Possible" is less than 70.00 points, then the overall invasive rank should be listed as "Unknown." †Calculated as 100(a/b) to two decimal places.

§Very High >80.00; High 70.00-80.00; Moderate 50.00-69.99; Low 40.00-49.99; Insignificant <40.00

A. DISTRIBUTION (KNOWN/POTENTIAL): Summarized from individual PRISM forms

A1.1. Has this species been documented to persist without cultivation in IN? (reliable source; voucher not required) □ Yes – continue to A2.2 □ No – continue to A2.1 A2.1. What is the likelihood that this species will occur and persist outside of cultivation given the climate in Indiana? (obtain from occurrence data in other states with similar climates) □ Likely – continue to A2.2 □ Not likely			
Yes – continue to A2.2 No – continue to A2.1 A2.1. What is the likelihood that this species will occur and persist outside of cultivation given the climate in Indiana? (obtain from occurrence data in other states with similar climates) Likely – continue to A2.2	A1.1. Has	this species been documented to persist without	-
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A2.1. What is the likelihood that this species will occur and persist outside of cultivation given the climate in Indiana? (obtain from occurrence data in other states with similar climates) Likely – continue to A2.2	\square	Yes – continue to A2.2	
persist outside of cultivation given the climate in Indiana? (obtain from occurrence data in other states with similar climates)		No – continue to A2.1	
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(obtain from occurrence data in other states with similar climates)	A2.1. Wha	t is the likelihood that this species will occur and	
climates) Likely – continue to A2.2	persist outs	side of cultivation given the climate in Indiana?	1
Likely – continue to A2.2	(obtain fro	m occurrence data in other states with similar	8
	climates)		3
Not likely		Likely – continue to A2.2	
		Not likely	
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Sources of information: Range maps compiled from PLANTS database, http://plants.usda.gov/java/; Indiana CAPS database, http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/CAPS/index.html; Indiana IPSAWG reports (unpublished); and EDDMapS reports, http://eddmaps.org/

The taxonomy here and nomenclature of this group is most difficult. Keil & Ochsmann (2006) note that the material introduced in the U.S. is the C.stoebe subsp micranthos, which is a tetraploid perennial that is distinct from the diploid biennials (C. stoebe subsp. stoebe, C. maculosa, C. rhenana) found in Europe. They also note that another closely related species, C. diffusa, has been reported from the Northeast (e.g., CT, MA, NJ) and that it hybridizes with C. stoebe subsp. micranthos producing C. xpsammogena. More collection and study is needed to determine if the material in New York is straight C. stoebe subsp. stoebe or a mixture of this C. diffusa and the hybrid, C. xpsammogena. Should also confirm that the diploid taxa reported from Europe are not present. Preliminary review of the material in this complex from New York shows it to be quite diverse morphologically. Keil & Ochsmann, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009; Weldy & Werier, 2009.

If the species does not occur and is not likely to occur in Indiana, then stop here as there is no need to assess the species.

A2.2. Describe the potential or known suitable habitats within Indiana (underlined). Natural habitats include all habitats not under active human management. Managed habitats are indicated with an asterisk.

Wetland Habitats	Upland Habitats
Marshes	Forest
Fens	<u>Savannas</u>
Bogs	Barrens
Shrub swamps	Prairies
Forested wetlands/riparian	Cultivated*
Beaches/dunes	Old Fields*
Ditches*	Roadsides*
	Marshes Fens Bogs Shrub swamps Forested wetlands/riparian <u>Beaches/dunes</u>

Other potential or known suitable habitats within Indiana:

Documentation: Sources of information: Keil & Ochsmann, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.

B. INVASIVENESS RANKING

Questions apply to areas similar in climate and habitats to Indiana unless specified otherwise.

1. ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

1.1. Impact on Natural Ecosystem Processes and System-Wide Parameters (e.g. fire regime, geomorphological changes (erosion, sedimentation rates), hydrologic regime, nutrient and mineral dynamics, light availability, salinity, pH)

A.	No perceivable impact on ecosystem processes based on research studies, or the absence of	0
	impact information if a species is widespread (>10 occurrences in minimally managed	
	areas), has been well-studied (>10 reports/publications), and has been present in the	
	northeast for >100 years.	
B.	Influences ecosystem processes to a minor degree (e.g., has a perceivable but mild influence	3

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- B. Influences ecosystem processes to a minor degree (e.g., has a perceivable but mild influence on soil nutrient availability)
- C. Significant alteration of ecosystem processes (e.g., increases sedimentation rates along streams or coastlines, reduces open water that are important to waterfowl)

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D. U.	Major, possibly irreversible, alteration or disruption of ecosystem processes (e.g., the species alters geomorphology and/or hydrology, affects fire frequency, alters soil pH, or fixes substantial levels of nitrogen in the soil making soil unlikely to support certain native plants or more likely to favor non-native species) Unknown	10
U.	Score	7
	Documentation: Identify ecosystem processes impacted (or if applicable, justify choosing answer A in the absence of impact information) Oliver (2004): "This species easily extracts moisture and nutrients from the soil, and is better adapted than the native species inhabiting the area, of extracting nutrients. As this species invades, it alters the ecology of the ecosystem. Specifically, native species in areas where this non-native occurs tend to have network root systems and as the native species decline, their network root systems are replaced by the knapweed's taproot system. This taproot system alters the soil by lowering its water holding capability and increasing soil erosion (Maurer et al., 2002)." No evidence of major irreversible impacts to natural ecosystem processes or system-wide parameters. The spotted knapweed has also been reported to be allelopathic, secreting phyotoxins (catechin) that inhibits growth of other plant species (Calloway et al., 2005a, Calloway et al., 2005b; Perry et al., 2005). Sources of information: Oliver, 2004; Maurer et al., 2002; Calloway, 2005.	
1.2. Imp	pact on Natural Community Structure	
Α.	No perceived impact; establishes in an existing layer without influencing its structure	0
В.	Influences structure in one layer (e.g., changes the density of one layer)	3
C.	Significant impact in at least one layer (e.g., creation of a new layer or elimination of an existing layer)	7
D.	Major alteration of structure (e.g., covers canopy, eradicating most or all layers below)	10
U.	Unknown	
	Score	7
	Documentation: Identify type of impact or alteration: Species can significantly impacts the herb layer by increasing its height and density. this species often occurs in areas (open dry sandy areas) where the herb layer is low and/or sparse. Sources of information: Oliver, 2004; Maurer et al., 2002	
1.3. Imp	pact on Natural Community Composition	
А.	No perceived impact; causes no apparent change in native populations	0
B.	Influences community composition (e.g., reduces the number of individuals in one or more native species in the community)	3
C.	Significantly alters community composition (e.g., produces a significant reduction in the population size of one or more native species in the community)	7
D. U.	Causes major alteration in community composition (e.g., results in the extirpation of one or several native species, reducing biodiversity or change the community composition towards species exotic to the natural community) Unknown	10
	Score	7
	Documentation: Identify type of impact or alteration: Causes significant reduction in native species. Oliver (2004): "Once established in undisturbed areas, it displaces native species by altering the soil's water storage capacity and	

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the anir Exampl connect soil/sed native s	increasing erosion (Maurer et al. 2002). It's able to alter the soil in this way because of taproot system which is better at extracting soil than the root systems of native plants (Maurer et al. 2002)." No evidence of major alteration in community composition. Sources of information: Mauer et al., 2002; Oliver, 2004. pact on other species or species groups (cumulative impact of this species nals, fungi, microbes, and other organisms in the community it invades. les include reduction in nesting/foraging sites; reduction in habitat tivity; injurious components such as spines, thorns, burrs, toxins; suppress iment microflora; interferes with native pollinators and/or pollination of a pecies; hybridizes with a native species; hosts a non-native disease which a native species)	s on ses a	
А.	Negligible perceived impact		0
В.	Minor impact		3
C.	Moderate impact		7
D.	Severe impact on other species or species groups		10
U.	Unknown	S	7
	Documentation:	Score	7
	Identify type of impact or alteration: Studies on species' impacts on other species not known. Presumably the phytotoxin production impacts the soil microflora but specific studies on this not done. It has been noted to reduce the amount of Lupinus perennis in Karner Blue butterfly habitat in Michigan oak-pine barrens and prairies; reported by Michigan TNC staff and personal observation by Orr. Sources of information: Oliver, 2004.		
	Total Po		37
	Section One	Total	28
	IOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DISPERSAL ABILITY		
	bde and rate of reproduction (provisional thresholds, more investigation needed)		0
А.	No reproduction by seeds or vegetative propagules (i.e. plant sterile with no sexual or asexual reproduction).		0
В.	Limited reproduction (fewer than 10 viable seeds per plant AND no vegetative reproduction; if viability is not known, then maximum seed production is less than 100 seeds per plant and no vegetative reproduction))	1
C.	Moderate reproduction (fewer than 100 viable seeds per plant - if viability is not know then maximum seed production is less than 1000 seeds per plant - OR limited successf vegetative spread documented)		2
D. U.	Abundant reproduction with vegetative asexual spread documented as one of the plant prime reproductive means OR more than 100 viable seeds per plant (if viability is not known, then maximum seed production reported to be greater than 1000 seeds per plan Unknown		4
0.		Score	4
	Documentation: Describe key reproductive characteristics (including seeds per plant): Plants can produce up to 600 seeds or more with high viability; plants are self-compating Sources of information:	L	

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0 0 T	Mauer et al, 2002; Wilson & Randall 2003; Oliver, 2004		
	ate potential for long-distance dispersal (e.g. bird dispersal, sticks to animal h	iair,	
•	fruits, pappus for wind-dispersal)		0
А.	Does not occur (no long-distance dispersal mechanisms)		0
В.	Infrequent or inefficient long-distance dispersal (occurs occasionally despite lack of		1
C	adaptations) Moderate opportunities for long-distance dispersal (adaptations exist for long-distance		2
C.	dispersal, but studies report that 95% of seeds land within 100 meters of the parent plan	(t)	Z
D.	Numerous opportunities for long-distance dispersal (adaptations exist for long-distance		4
2.	dispersal and evidence that many seeds disperse greater than 100 meters from the paren		
	plant)		
U.	Unknown		
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Score	2
	Documentation:		
	Identify dispersal mechanisms:		
	Achenes are small, and long distance dispersal can either be passive (wind) or active (b	irds,	
	rodents). Sources of information:		
	Mauer et al., 2002; Oliver, 2004.		
2.3 Pot	ential to be spread by human activities (both directly and indirectly – poss	ible	
	isms include: commercial sales, use as forage/revegetation, spread along	1010	
	ys, transport on boats, contaminated compost, land and vegetation		
-	ement equipment such as mowers and excavators, etc.)		
A.	Does not occur		0
А. В.	Low (human dispersal to new areas occurs almost exclusively by direct means and is		1
D.	infrequent or inefficient)		1
C.	Moderate (human dispersal to new areas occurs by direct and indirect means to a moder	ate	2
	extent)		
D.	High (opportunities for human dispersal to new areas by direct and indirect means are		3
TT	numerous, frequent, and successful) Unknown		
U.		—	2
		Score	3
	Documentation:		
	Identify dispersal mechanisms: Readily spread via vehicles and contaminated seed and hay supplies.		
	Sources of information:		
	Mauer, 2004; Oliver 2004.		
2.4. Ch	aracteristics that increase competitive advantage, such as shade tolerance,		
	o grow on infertile soils, perennial habit, fast growth, nitrogen fixation,		
-	ithy, etc.		
A.	Possesses no characteristics that increase competitive advantage		0
B.	Possesses one characteristic that increases competitive advantage		3
C.	Possesses two or more characteristics that increase competitive advantage		6
U.	Unknown		-
2.		Score	6
	Documentation:		0
	Evidence of competitive ability:		
	Perennial, able to grow on poor soils, allelopathic.		
	Sources of information:		

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	Calloway et al, 2005a; Calloway et al., 2005b, Keil & Ochsman, 2005; Perry et al., 2005.	
25 Gr	owth vigor	
2.3. OIC A.	Does not form thickets or have a climbing or smothering growth habit	0
А. В.	Has climbing or smothering growth habit, forms a dense layer above shorter vegetation, forms dense thickets, or forms a dense floating mat in aquatic systems where it smothers other vegetation or organisms	2
U.	Unknown	
	Sco	re 2
	Documentation:	
	Describe growth form: Readily forms a dense layer above shorter vegetation, especially on low nutrient soils that generally support a low, sparse herb layer of native plant species. Sources of information: Mauer, 2002; Oliver, 2004	
2.6. Gei	rmination/Regeneration	
А.	Requires open soil or water and disturbance for seed germination, or regeneration from vegetative propagules.	0
В.	Can germinate/regenerate in vegetated areas but in a narrow range or in special conditions	2
C.	Can germinate/regenerate in existing vegetation in a wide range of conditions	3
U.	Unknown (No studies have been completed)	
	Scot	re 2
	Documentation: Describe germination requirements: Will germinate in existing vegetation, but the phytotoxin catechin produced by the plant inhibits germination of its own seeds. The seeds will thus germinate in areas that lack mature plants. Sources of information: Calloway et al, 2005a; Calloway et al., 2005b, Keil & Ochsman, 2005; Perry et al., 2005.	
	ner species in the genus invasive in Indiana or elsewhere No	0
A. D	Yes	0
В. U.	Unknown	3
0.	Sco	ra O
		re 0
	Documentation: Species:	
	Centaurea benedicta, C. calcitrapa, C. cyanus, C. diluta, C. jacea s.l., C. melitensis, C. montana, C. phrygia, C. scabiosa, C. solstitialis. Centaurea iberica, C. macrocephala, C. sulphurea and C. virgata (none reported from eastern U.S.) and C. calcitrapa, C. jacea s.l., C melitensis, and C. solstitialis (reported from eastern U.S., including N.Y.) are considered to be noxious weeds in various western states. Keil & Ochsmann, 2006; U.S.D.A., 2009.)
	Total Possib	25
	Section Two Tot	al 19

3. ECOLOGICAL AMPLITUDE AND DISTRIBUTION

3.1. Density of stands in natural areas in the northeastern USA and eastern Canada (use same definition as Gleason & Cronquist which is: "The part of the United States covered extends from the Atlantic Ocean west to the western boundaries of Minnesota, Iowa, northern Missouri, and southern Illinois, south to the southern

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boundaries of Virginia, Kentucky, and Illinois, and south to the Missouri River in Missouri. In Canada the area covered includes Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and parts of Quebec and Ontario lying south of the 47th parallel of latitude")

A.	No large stands (no areas greater than 1/4 acre or 1000 square meters)	0
В.	Large dense stands present in areas with numerous invasive species already present or	2
	disturbed landscapes	
C.	Large dense stands present in areas with few other invasive species present (i.e. ability to	4
	invade relatively pristine natural areas)	

U. Unknown

3.2.

	S	core	4	
	Documentation:			
	Identify reason for selection, or evidence of weedy history:			
	Large stands can occur in areas with few other invasive species already present.			
	Sources of information:			
	Authors' pers. obs.			
2. Nui	mber of habitats the species may invade			
A.	Not known to invade any natural habitats given at A2.2		0	
B.	Known to occur in two or more of the habitats given at A2.2, with at least one a natural		1	
	habitat.			
C.	Known to occur in three or more of the habitats given at A2.2, with at least two a natural	1	2	
	habitat.			
D.	Known to occur in four or more of the habitats given at A2.2, with at least three a natura	.1	4	
	habitat.			
E.	Known to occur in more than four of the habitats given at A2.2, with at least four a nature	cal	6	
	habitat.			

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U. Unknown

		Score	6
	Documentation:		
	Identify type of habitats where it occurs and degree/type of impacts:		
	See A2.2.		
	Sources of information:		
	Keil & Ochsmann, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.		
3.3. Ro	e of disturbance in establishment		
А.	Requires anthropogenic disturbances to establish.		0
В.	May occasionally establish in undisturbed areas but can readily establish in areas with natural or anthropogenic disturbances.	ļ	2
С.	Can establish independent of any known natural or anthropogenic disturbances.		4
U.	Unknown		
		Score	2
	Documentation:		
	Documentation.		
	Identify type of disturbance:		
	Identify type of disturbance: Readily establishes in disturbed areas; does not require anthropogenic disturbance to		
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3.4. Cli	Identify type of disturbance: Readily establishes in disturbed areas; does not require anthropogenic disturbance to become established. Sources of information: Keil & Ochsmann, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009. mate in native range		
3.4. Cli A.	Identify type of disturbance: Readily establishes in disturbed areas; does not require anthropogenic disturbance to become established. Sources of information: Keil & Ochsmann, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.		0

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C.	Native range includes climates similar to those in Indiana	3		
U.	Unknown			
	Score	3		
	Documentation:			
	Describe what part of the native range is similar in climate to Indiana:			
	Europe.			
	Sources of information: Keil & Ochsmann, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.			
35 Cu				
3.5. Current introduced distribution in the northeastern USA and eastern Canada (see question 3.1 for definition of geographic scope)				
A.	Not known from the northeastern US and adjacent Canada	0		
A. B.	Present as a non-native in one northeastern USA state and/or eastern Canadian province.	0		
Б. С.	Present as a non-native in 2 or 3 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian	1 2		
C.	provinces.	Z		
D.	Present as a non-native in 4–8 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian provinces,	3		
	and/or categorized as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious" or "Invasive") in 1 northeastern state	-		
_	or eastern Canadian province.			
E.	Present as a non-native in >8 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian provinces.	4		
	and/or categorized as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious" or "Invasive") in 2 northeastern states or eastern Canadian provinces.			
U.	Unknown			
0.	Score	4		
	Documentation:			
	Identify states and provinces invaded:			
	All northeastern states and provinces.			
	Sources of information: See known introduced range in plants.usda.gov, and update with			
	information from states and Canadian provinces.			
	Keil & Ochsmann, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009; U.S.D.A., 2009.			
26 Cu	ment distribution of the species outside of cultivation in Indiana			
3.0. Cu A.	rrent distribution of the species outside of cultivation in Indiana Present in no Indiana counties	0		
A. B.	Present in 1-10 Indiana counties	0		
Б. С.	Present in 11-20 Indiana counties	1		
D.	Present in 21-50 Indiana counties	2 3		
	Present in more than 50 Indiana counties or on Federal noxious weed list			
E. U.	Unknown	4		
υ.	Score	3		
	5000	3		
	Documentation:			
	Describe distribution:			
	Documented in 84 counties; see A1.1.			
	Sources of information:			
	Weldy & Werier, 2009; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2009.			
	Total Possible	25		
	Section Three Total	22		

4. DIFFICULTY OF CONTROL

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1 1 Sec	ed banks		
4.1. Sec A.	Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for less than 1 year, or does not m	nake	0
11.	viable seeds or persistent propagules.		0
В.	Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for at least 1 to 10 years		2
C.	Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for more than 10 years		3
U.	Unknown		
		core	2
	Documentation:		
	Identify longevity of seed bank: Seeds remain viable for up to eight years. No evidence for more than 10 years.		
	Sources of information:		
	Mauer et al, 2002; Oliver, 2004.		
4.2. Ve	getative regeneration		
А.	No regrowth following removal of aboveground growth		0
В.	Regrowth from ground-level meristems		1
C.	Regrowth from extensive underground system		2
D.	Any plant part is a viable propagule		3
U.	Unknown		
		core	2
	Documentation: Describe vegetative response:		
	Regrowth from extensive underground root system.		
	Sources of information:		
	Mauer et al., 2002, Oliver 2004.		
	vel of effort required		<u>^</u>
А.	Management is not required: e.g., species does not persist without repeated anthropogen disturbance.	10	0
B.	Management is relatively easy and inexpensive: e.g. 10 or fewer person-hours of manual	1	2
21	effort (pulling, cutting and/or digging) can eradicate a 1 acre infestation in 1 year		-
G	(infestation averages 50% cover or 1 plant/100 ft ²).	(2
C.	Management requires a major short-term investment: e.g. 100 or fewer person-hours/year manual effort, or up to 10 person-hours/year using mechanical equipment (chain saws,	ar of	3
	mowers, etc.) for 2-5 years to suppress a 1 acre infestation. Eradication is difficult, but		
	possible (infestation as above).		
D.	Management requires a major investment: e.g. more than 100 person-hours/year of man	ual	4
	effort, or more than 10 person hours/year using mechanical equipment, or the use of herbicide, grazing animals, fire, etc. for more than 5 years to suppress a 1 acre infestatio	n.	
	Eradication may be impossible (infestation as above).		
U.	Unknown		
		core	4
	Documentation:		
	Identify types of control methods and time-term required:		
	Oliver (2004): "This species is moderately difficult to control. There are several methods that are somewhat effective. Mowing if done 10 days after flowering		
	reduces the seed output, but doesn't eradicate populations. Herbicides are also		
	effective, however, they don't prevent germination or reinfestation and can be		
	expensive over large areas. Several biological control methods are available, including insects which either attack the flowers by laying eggs in them or		
	eating the plant's roots. Biological control using insects does reduce		
	populations, is inexpensive, and doesn't disturb the soil or surrounding		

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vegetation, however, this method is slower than the others (Mauer et al. 2002)." The	
inhibition of seed germination by the phytoxin catechin allows the seed bank	to remain	
intact until needed (i.e., when mature plants are removed).		
Sources of information:		
Mauer, 2002; Oliver, 2004; Calloway et al., 2005a; Calloway et al., 2005b; Po	erry et al.,	
2005	-	
	Total Possible	10

Total POSSIBLE	10
Section Four Total	8

Total for 4 sections Possible	90
Total for 4 sections	70

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