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- *Euphorbia esula*
- Perennial
- Extensive root system
- Stems exude a milky latex
- Bright green-yellow color easily recognizable

LEAFY SPURGE

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Leafy spurge is a highly competitive weed that contains a milky latex which causes blistering and even blindness if the eyes are exposed. As such, mammals (with the exception of goats) will not graze it. The plant's extensive root system means that control will be an annual event for as many as seven years. Leafy spurge seed capsules project seeds up to fifteen feet away resulting in an effective autonomous dispersal system. Please report this species to the Weed and Pest Supervisor at (970)264-6773 or via eddmaps.org.

