

Is it a TREE, a FLOWER, or a WEED?

“A weed is a plant that is not only in the wrong place but intends to stay.”

- SARA STEIN

- ✓ ***If you did not plant it or place it there on purpose, it's probably a weed.***
- ✓ ***If it looks out of place in your landscaping, it's considered a weed.***
- ✓ ***If it thrives in adverse conditions, it could be a weed.***

TREE OF HEAVEN (ailanthus altissima)

It is considered a noxious weed and an invasive species. It was originally introduced to the United States in the late 1700's and was popular as a fast-growing shade tree. Not until the early 1900's did we become concerned with the weedy and invasive characteristics of the tree.



PRICKLY LETTUCE (lactuca serriola)



SPEAR THISTLE (cirsium vulgare)



Not sure if a plant in your landscaping bed is a weed?

Try looking it up on the internet or ask a professional landscaper or even a neighbor, there are many smart people living in South Riding with years of experience maintaining a nice yard.

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