



Summary of 2024 Activities and Results



Invasive Plant Program Overview

- Assistance provided to municipalities
- 29 species treated
- 222 chemical treatments covering 17ha
- 97 mechanical treatments covering 5.5ha
- 44 sites with NO plants found



New Partnerships and Projects

- Oliver District and Heritage Society-
inventory and
treatment at
Fairview townsite
- Nature Conservancy
of Canada -
inventory in fire
impacted areas



Invasive Plant Program- RDOS Funded Work

- 13 invasive plant species
- 41 surveys covering 2ha
- 32 mechanical treatments covering 0.33 ha
- 5 chemical treatments, covering 0.02 ha



Garnet Park, Heritage Hills

- 377 kg removed
in 2024- 73%
decrease from
2020



Before (2020)



After (2024)



Collaboration With First Nations Communities



Door to Door Contact

- High priority species
- Himalayan balsam and Puncturevine



Education and Outreach

- Community event
 - Earth Day events – Summerland
 - SORCO Open House
 - Seedy Saturdays – Princeton, Penticton
- Training
- Presentations
- Articles for newsletters
- Social Media Outreach



Education and Outreach

- Media Coverage
 - Invasive Trees
 - Puncturevine
 - Invasive Mussels





New Outreach Tools/Resources



Invasive Trees of the Okanagan-Similkameen **SIBERIAN ELM**



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Invasive Trees of the Okanagan-Similkameen **RUSSIAN OLIVE**



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Invasive Trees of the Okanagan-Similkameen **BLACK LOCUST**

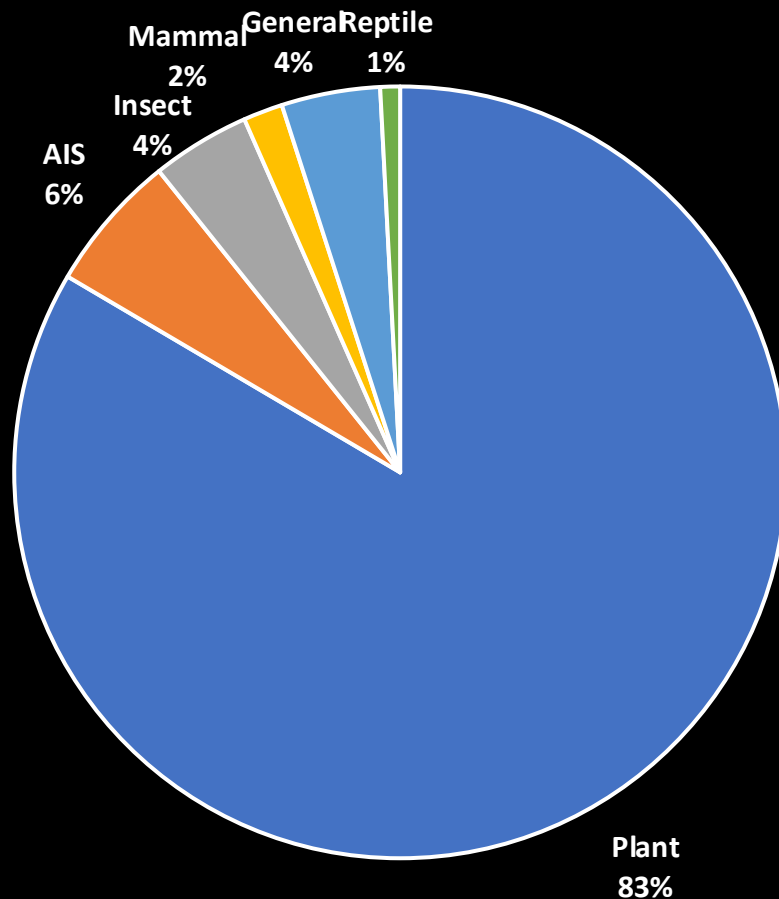


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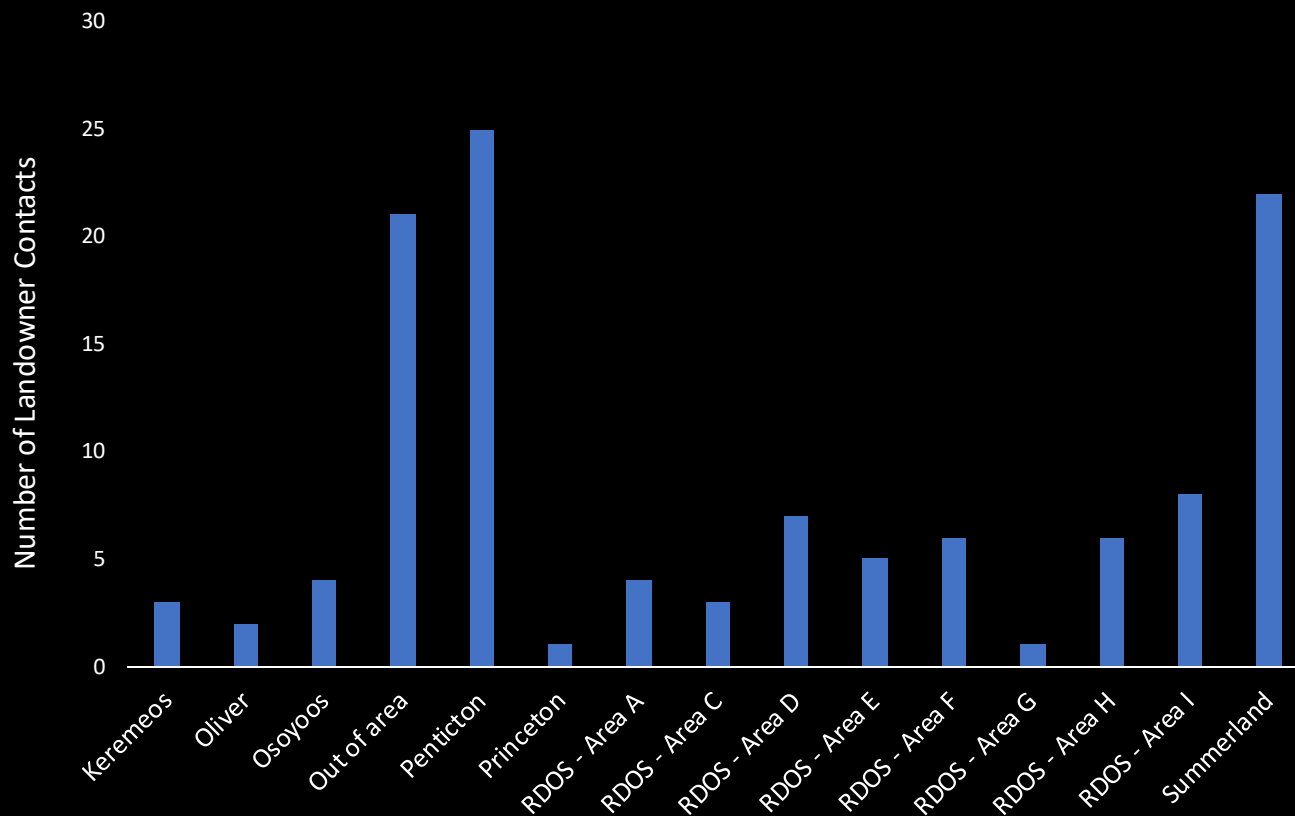
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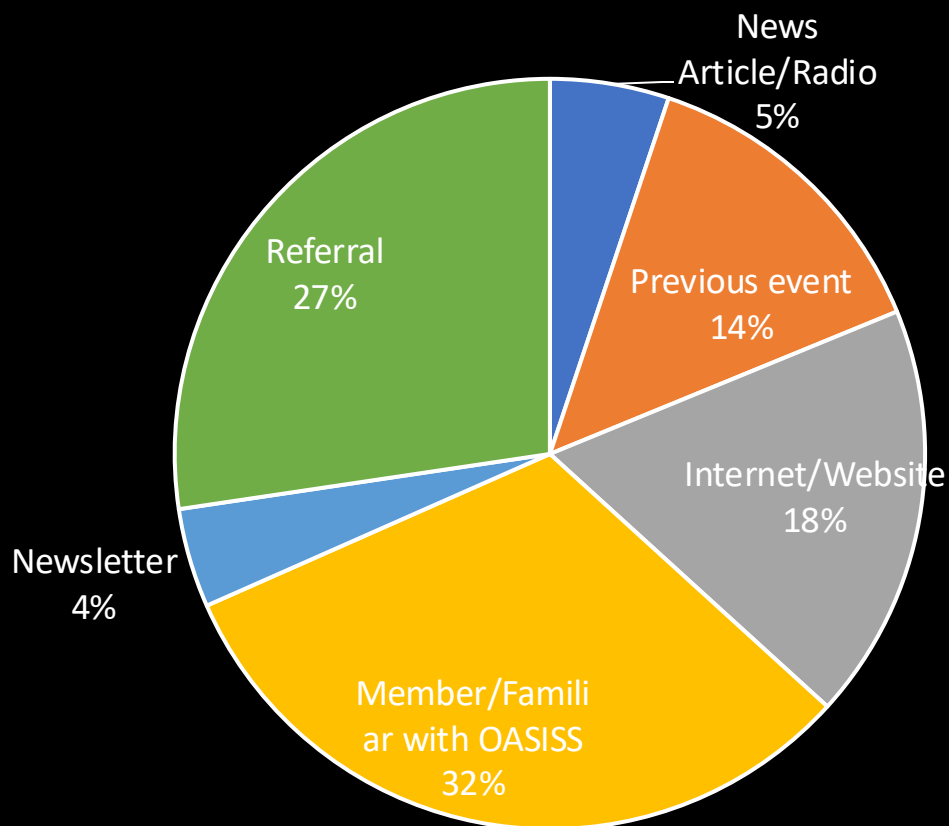
Enquiries - Summary of Categories (RDOS)



Enquiries by Municipality/Area (RDOS)



Enquiries by Source (RDOS)





Okanagan Invasive Species Online

Look what's **NEW** on **OISO** JANUARY 30, 2025




**NEW INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON
PROTECTING LIVESTOCK
FROM TOXIC INVASIVE
PLANTS**



DECEMBER 24, 2024

**SPOTTED LANTERNFLY
DISCOVERED IN ONTARIO**



MARCH 22, 2024

**WATERBODIES CLOSED IN
TWO BC NATIONAL PARKS
DUE TO WHIRLING
DISEASE**



FEBRUARY 5, 2024

**JOIN US AT THE
SOUTHERN INTERIOR
HORTICULTURAL SHOW!**



DECEMBER 21, 2023

**WHIRLING DISEASE
DETECTED IN YOHO
NATIONAL PARK**



OCTOBER 16, 2023

**INVASIVE QUAGGA
MUSSELS FOUND IN
PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

Aquatics Program

- 3 summer staff
- Connected with ~5,269 people
- Surveyed 986 boats at 15 launches
- Material distribution
- Attended 13 community events
- Youth presentations
- Citizen Science Project
- Invasive mussel monitoring
- Social media outreach



Education and Outreach

Students Plant for the Future

- Invasive plant removal
- Planting events at Oliver Mountain and Max Lake
- Walk on the land with indigenous teacher



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