



The **Gorse Action Group (GAG)** is an informal group of participants including federal and state agencies, non-profit organizations, private industry, and landowners. The GAG is working to control and reduce the spread of gorse, minimize the impact of gorse on our economy and natural resources, and provide a successful process to share with others facing gorse infestations. To learn more about our efforts, visit <https://gorseactiongroup.org/>.

The mission of the **South Coast Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)** is to reduce the negative impact of invasive plant species on the economy, environment, and human health by collaborating with the community through education, information exchange and coordinating regional efforts for control. Our members recognize that invasive plants and noxious weeds adversely affect native plant and animal communities, reduce water quality, impair forest and agricultural productivity, and subsequently negatively affect the economy. For more info, visit <https://southcoastcwma.org/>.

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**Attending (19):** Alexa Carleton (Coos Watershed Association), Erin Minster (Curry SWCD/Curry Watersheds Partnership), Goldie Warncke (Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management), Alex Cook (USFWS), Sean Alexander (ODF), Ty Downing (WDX), Liza Ehle (Windward Gardens), Pete Hockett (OPRD), Norma Kline (OSU Extension), Jason Kral (Weed Board, City of Bandon), Heather Medina (NRCS), Carri Pirosko (ODA), Nick Schoeppner (OPRD), Marie Simonds (WRCA), Bear Slothower (City of Bandon), Matt Swanson (City of Bandon), Pete Tessling (State Parks—Cape Blanco MU), Paula Thompson (WRCA), Katie Woodruff (NRCS).

#### **Action Items and links:**

- Read the 2021 Gorse Action Group Accomplishment Report [Here](#). These annual reports live on the 'Projects' page of the website, [gorseactiongroup.org](https://gorseactiongroup.org).
- If you have any additions or edits to the 2022 reporting form, contact Erin by Dec 1, 2022. Form will be sent out on 12/16/22.
- **December 1:** Liza will be offering "The As in Agriculture" (Aptitude, Aquatics, Archaeology), an 8-hour class with BBQ lunch. Regionally specific info and credits available. **See attached flyer.**
- Update contractor list for website: **Carri**
- Establish GAG website committee: **Jason Kral**
- Fill out Doodle polls to help us select a date for the next GAG and CWMA meetings in Q1 of 2023

Speaker	Topic	Notes
Erin	Welcome	
Group	Annual metrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erin talked through the 2021 annual Gorse Accomplishments report she compiled and invited edits to the reporting form for 2022</li> <li>• This report is a summary of our collaborative work and shows collective impact—helpful on grant applications</li> <li>• Erin will make edits to form and send out in December</li> </ul>
Group	By-laws and steering committee discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't currently have by-laws</li> <li>• Would be helpful with decisions: who gets our emails, who decides when to change meeting time, etc.</li> <li>• Whatever we call it, we need something more formal that explains how this group works to ease transitions during turnover, help welcome new people, pass on to future coordinators, etc. <b>Erin</b> will work on this.</li> <li>• "Committee model" seems to fit GAG</li> <li>• GAG is a lot of management, administration currently being done by Erin and Alexa, and overall capacity is low</li> <li>• Re-establish steering committee: Carri Pirosko, Liza Ehle, Celeste Lebo, Alex Cook, Katie Woodruff, Matt Swanson, Goldie Warncke</li> </ul>
Group	GAG website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest in establishing website committee: Jason Kral. Monte Armstrong (<a href="#">Armstrong Technologies, Coos Bay</a>) built the website and could offer training. It needs updates to make it more user-friendly. Currently, Erin does all the website updates.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Contractor list</a> on website: updated in October 2022</li> <li>• Norma/OSU Extension has info on how to hire a contractor. Incorporate this into our document/list?</li> </ul>
Bear, Jason, Liza	Bandon District Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Districts 1 and 2 are mostly wrapped up and the City is moving toward District 3. Bear will be stepping down and Jason Kral will be stepping into a paid position with the City.</li> </ul>
Erin, Carri	Gorse tip moth update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gorse tip moth: Erin found moth eating gorse, raised some at home to determine ID. Moth is not approved to release because doesn't specialize on gorse. <b>See attachment.</b></li> <li>• Thrip update: more releases this year, Grassy Knob in Curry Co, around Florence, and other sites. Too early to know if they overwinter successfully and how much damage they will do if they get established—could be a long time.</li> </ul>
Heather Medina, Katie Woodruff	Gorse CIS & NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gorse CIS: NRCS is accepting applications through November for cost-share for gorse removal. Need more people to apply. More info about CIS (Conservation Implementation Strategies) <a href="#">here</a>. <b>See attached flyer.</b></li> <li>• <a href="#">RCPP</a> is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCPP: Potentially lots more \$ available; challenge has been 1:1 match that's not federal. Not many applications yet. Applicants need to be state/private conservation groups (no federal). Up to 5 years funding provided. <i>Next steps: Form local committee to discuss options? Partner with OWEB for native restoration piece?</i></li> </ul>
<b>Liza</b>	Windward Gardens, LLC: Winter Education Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>December 1:</b> Liza will be offering "The As in Agriculture" (Aptitude, Aquatics, Archaeology), an 8-hour class with BBQ lunch. <b>Flyer attached.</b> Liza can also offer applicator training, has full curriculum and 75% pass rate. Good networking opportunity.</li> </ul>
	Adjourn	12:30 PM

### South Coast CWMA Meeting

**Participants (8):** Alexa Carleton, Erin Minster, Liza Ehle, Carri Pirosko, Alex Cook, Norma Kline, Nick Schoeppner, Katie Woodruff, Goldie Warncke

Speaker	Topic	Notes
	Current weeds of concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spotted knapweed: popping up in Coos County a lot, by Head Start, need outreach on North Spit</li> <li>Holly and cotoneaster: need combined brochure</li> <li>Invasives signs at Whiskey Run at each access point</li> <li>Jubata at Whiskey Run bike trails</li> </ul>
	MOU, by-laws, and structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed the MOU that expires this year</li> <li>Currently don't have by-laws, but we need something formal to outline the needs and roles of this group and what levels of participation should look like</li> <li>This group has struggled to define participation levels. One way to simplify this process: core group/steering committee/main partners is one level, and if we do a public event or presentation, those participants are another level. Don't need multiple levels of participation (SC, member, at-large, partner, etc.)</li> <li>Possible task/shared effort with this group: develop clear messaging around how to deal with high priority plants (e.g., Jubata – "cut the plumes"). Keep sharing info within our practitioners group, but focus more on really figuring out how to communicate weeds info to the public, getting them to do the work for us.</li> </ul>
	Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steering committee/core group: early 2023</li> <li>Have a topic or theme: outreach messaging for specific weed, etc.</li> <li>Meet at a weeds/native plant project site</li> </ul>
	Adjourn	2:30

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## Winter Education Series: 2022



### All the A's in Agriculture

Local, specific and useful information for workforce safety training  
and continuing education credits for vegetation managers!

Thursday, December 1, 2022 - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join us for 8 hours continuing education (approval pending) for

Oregon Dept. of Agriculture and Oregon Landscape Contractor's Board!

*In-person! Coos/Curry/Douglas County specific topics! Free BBQ for lunch!*

8:00-8:50 am- The A's of Agriculture: Attitude, Aptitude and Accountability

9:00- 9:50 am: All About Apprentice Applicators

10:00-10:50 am: After-Application Action Agenda

11:00-11:50 am: Archeological Attention in Agricultural Areas

12:00-1:00 pm: All-you-can-eat Awesome BBQ!!!!

1:00-1:50 pm: Actual Awful Applicator Atrocities

2:00-2:50 pm: Awareness in Aquatic Applications

3:00-3:50 pm: Ashes to Ashes: Fuel Reduction and Fire Prevention

4:00- 4:50 pm: Annual Advice and Alerts: ODA/OLCB/CCB updates

\$25/credit hour per person

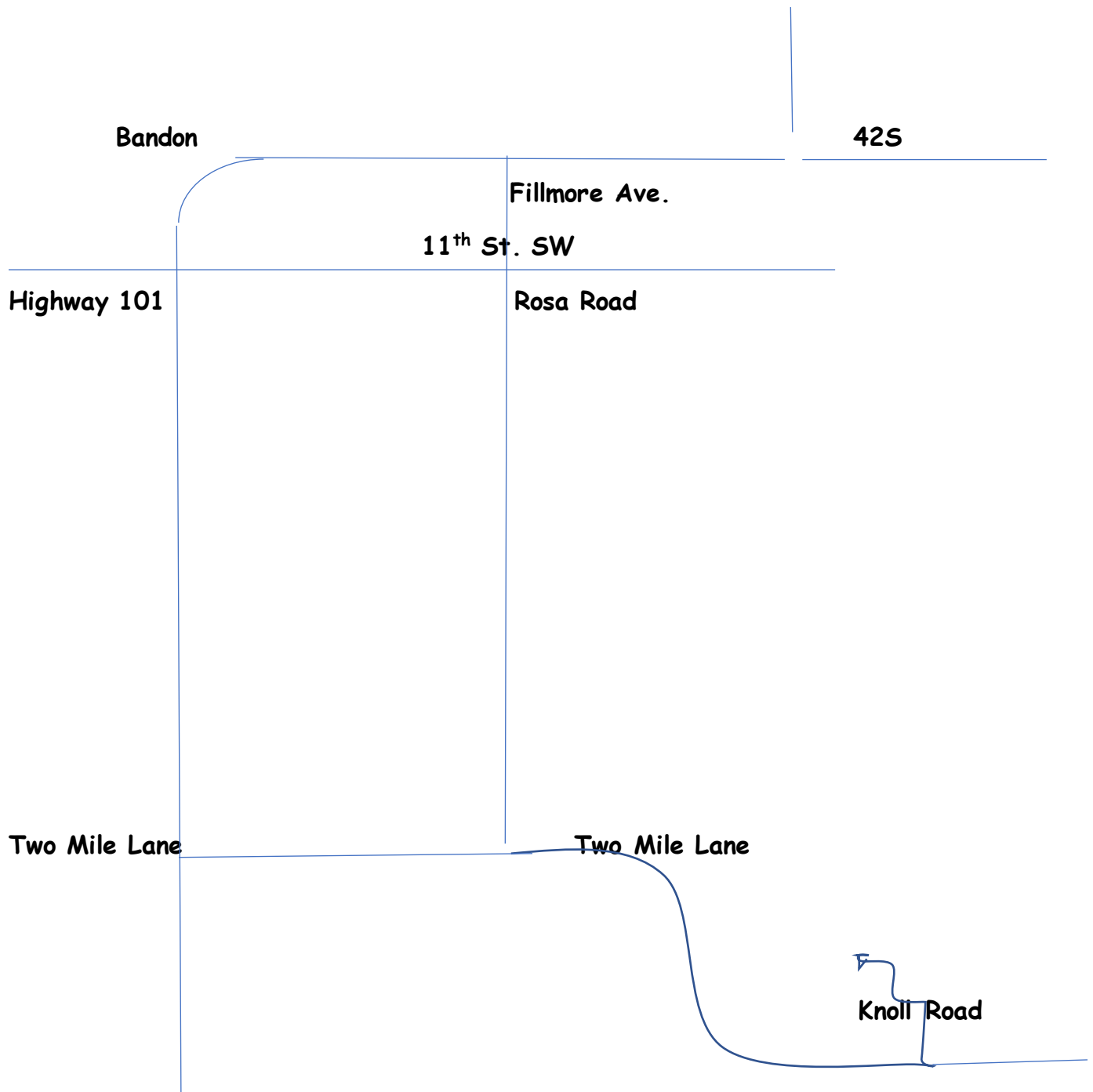
52566 Knoll Road, Bandon 2.5 miles up Two Mile Road, see map!

Dress very warm, bring masks, all classes semi-open shop setting w/social distance!

<https://goo.gl/maps/CNSFYsWzyhsVMcBM9>

Winter Education Series: 2022

Location map



*From Bandon it is 6.6 miles south then turning east on Two Mile Lane (travel 2.5 miles from Highway 101) to Knoll Road, turn left uphill on steep gravel driveway and follow signs to large shop building on left. Dress warm! Bring masks! Socially distant seating!*

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**Class Registration Form**

Winter Education Series: 2022

All the A's in Agriculture!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

8 hours (4 CORE) ODA/OLCB credits pending approval

BBQ Lunch: (circle any dietary restrictions)

Gluten Free

Nut allergies

Vegetarian

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Snacks and drinks provided, dress warm, networking time!

Questions or want to sign up?

Liza Ehle 541-290-1018 or [lizaehle@yahoo.com](mailto:lizaehle@yahoo.com)

# GORSE TIP MOTH

*Agonopterix nervosa*



DAMAGE

MAY 2022



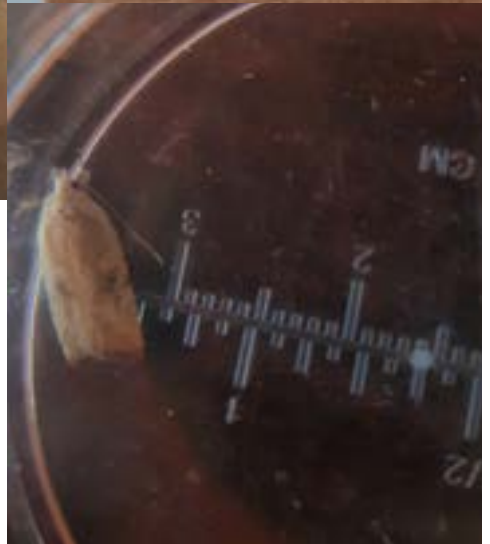
SUSPECT: Caterpillars were found in small web houses in fresh growth tips bent over. They were very energetic when disturbed! Damaged plants were found primarily in a 3-4 acre area within the Bandon State Natural Area and adjacent private property.



Caterpillars 6-8mm, photos taken with 10x hand lens over phone camera. Note texture of denim pants in background.



Photos and observations by Erin Minster, Curry SWCD. Collection assistance Celeste Lebo, OPRD and Madeleine Vander Heyden, US FWS





## Gorse, Unapproved Agents

*Agonopterix nervosa* (Haworth)  
(Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae)

**DESCRIPTION AND LIFE CYCLE:**

Larvae emerge in early spring and feed on feed in lightly spun tubes of plant material on shoot tips of gorse and Scotch broom. Larvae vary in color from yellowish-gray to brown and can be up to 15 mm long. Adults are typically 10-15 mm long with variable coloring.

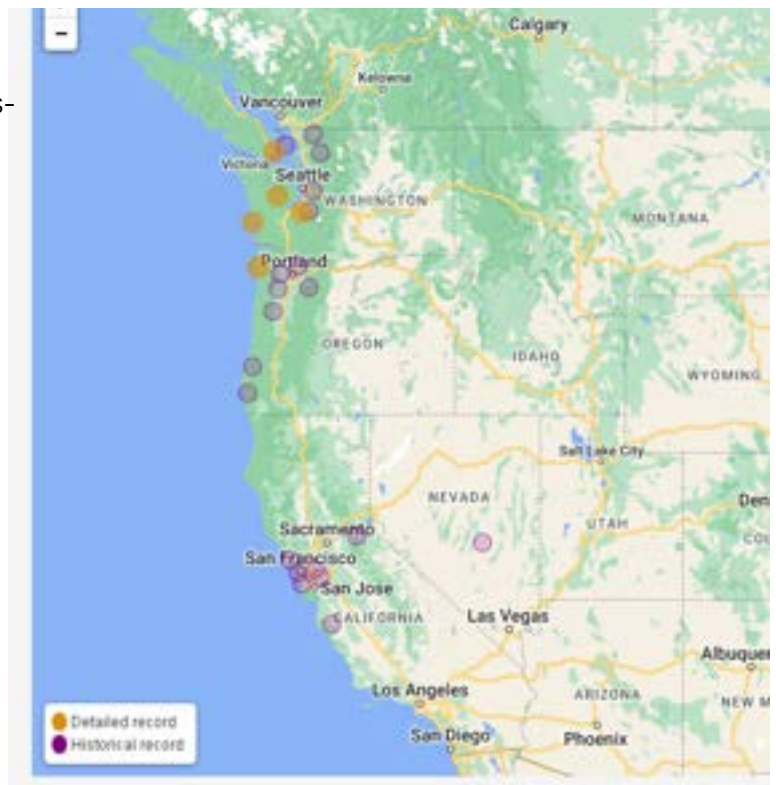
Typical adults have white or yellowish wings with gray to brown small mottling, sometimes appearing as stripes on wing veins. Adults appear in early summer and are present throughout the growing season, sometimes overwintering. There is one generation per year.



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**HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS:** Accidental introduction recorded on gorse in BC, Canada by 1915. Spread to the USA in the 1920s. Attacks both Scotch broom and gorse in CA, NV, OR, WA (USA), though is more effective on gorse. May stunt shoots and reduce seed production, but overall impact is limited. Populations are heavily parasitized. Abundance and impact on gorse in BC are unknown. **Not approved for redistribution in the USA.**

Field Guide for the Biological Control of Weeds:  
<https://www.weldgov.com/files/sharedassets/public/departments/public-works/westernweeds-bio-control-book-idaho-updated.pdf>



Map source: <https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/species/Agonopterix-nervosa>

# Funding for Gorse Removal in Coos and Curry Counties



Gorse Wildfire Hazard Mitigation CIS

Date: 1/13/2023



## Financial assistance available with NRCS

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides innovative conservation solutions to restore, enhance and protect Oregon's working agricultural lands and private non-industrial forest lands.

The Coquille NRCS field office has new funding available to assist Gorse removal on pasture, non-industrial forest lands, and surrounding cranberry bogs near Bandon, Langlois, Port Orford, and Brookings (see map). You may be eligible to receive financial assistance for the following practices:

- ✓ Brush Management
- ✓ Woody Residue Treatment
- ✓ Forage and Biomass Planting
- ✓ Livestock Fencing
- ✓ Tree and Shrub Establishment
- ✓ Herbaceous Weed Control
- ✓ And more

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