

## **The Barberry Eradication Program in Whitman County, Washington: A Reassessment.**

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The authors reexamined the results of the Barberry Eradication Program, an effort to extirpate common barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*) across much of the United States. As part of the program, workers attempted to remove all barberry, regardless of size. They initially used applications of salt and kerosene, later changing to ammonium sulfate. Using field records taken between 1944 and 1978 in Whitman County, Washington, the authors visited 100 sites in the county that had supported barberry as recently as 1978. They found only eight shrubs, at four sites. They conclude that virtually total eradication of an invasive plant is possible if a program follows a straightforward protocol, including exhaustive and comprehensive field surveys, rapid destruction of all plants upon detection, and long-term, repeated searches for remaining or newly emergent plants.