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# Dodder June '77

Scientific name: *Cuscuta* sp.

Common names: Love vine, strangleweed, devil's hair

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Dodder is a leafless parasite, deriving nourishment from host plants. Shown here attacking alfalfa

Stems golden yellow or slightly reddish

Seeds small; resemble alfalfa

Flowers bright yellow, in small, dense clusters

Ten or more species of dodder occur in this area, all of them parasites with varied hosts. *Cuscuta campestris*, shown above, is found largely in alfalfa and clovers. Dodder is also found in yards and home gardens.

**Control:** In alfalfa, apply 6 pounds per acre of granular IPC before dodder becomes attached to host plant.

Spot spraying with Dinitro and oil is effective. Propane burning after first cutting is effective in home gardens; destroy affected plants.



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