

A special Symposium on Biological Control will be held on March 12, 2009, in conjunction with the 2009 WSWS Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM. The Symposium will focus on invasive species of concern in the Southwest. Topics of interest currently include:

- Legal and regulatory constraints on releases
- Incorporating biological control into integrated weed management programs
- How many agents are needed
- Risk assessment for releases
- Updates on biocontrol for leafy spurge, giant salvinia, Dalmatian toadflax, and knapweeds
- Several presentations on salt cedar biocontrol options and an open discussion of issues and concerns regarding their release in the Southwest.

In addition to presentations by names familiar to many WSWS members, including Tom Dudley, Rod Lym, Lincoln Smith, and Eric Coombs, speakers will also include Mark Briggs, of the World Wildlife Fund, Mark Sogge of USGS, Allen Knutson, Professor of Entomology, Texas A&M, and Gerald Michels, Professor, Texas A&M.