

**Name:** Vanessa T. Deveau

**Occupation:** Master of Science degree  
(Candidate)

**Previous work and volunteer experience in Weed Science:** I first gained weed science experience through the Department of Agriculture in Truro. I worked under Angela (Hughes) Gourd in the management of the noxious weed (Wild Chervil) on Acadian Dykelands. At this time, my experience with weed science was very limited.



**How did you become involved with CWSS and when?** I became involved with CWSS in January when my supervisor Dr. Scott White presented my honours thesis. I had the opportunity to explore and listen to experts in their fields, along with graduate studies presenting various topics.

**What has the extent of your involvement been? (i.e., have you served on committees/executive?)** N/A

**Favourite memory/experience in your weed science career to date?** My favourite experience in weed science career to date is the process of learning plant identification, and the research processes.

**What is your favourite weed and why?** Choosing my favourite weed is difficult so, I narrowed it down to two options: cow wheat and common mullein. Cow wheat (*Melampyrum lineare* Desr.) is the weed species previously studied for my honours project, and I am currently studying for my MSc. Common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus* L.) is deceiving during its rosette stage however, following maturity its height and attractive yellow flowers makes it prominent along the landscape.

**What are your career goals/future plans in weed science (if you are comfortable sharing)?**

My future goal in weed science is to continue to explore parasitic weeds and how they impact various crops. However, I have broader interests in the studies of weed science not limited to parasitic weeds (i.e., interactions between native plant species and noxious weeds).