



Autumn Olive INVASIVE ALIEN

Origin – East Asia

Autumn Olive was introduced to the US in 1830 as an ornamental, for wildlife habitat, for windbreaks and to restore deforested lands.

Autumn Olive invades grasslands, fields, open woodlands and disturbed areas. It is drought tolerant and thrives in a variety of soil and moisture conditions. Autumn Olive threatens native ecosystems by displacing native plant species, creating dense shade and interfering with natural plant succession.

The plant is a deciduous shrub growing up to 20'. Leaves are lance shaped with silver white undersides. The flowers are small and light yellow and appear in June/July. They are very, very aromatic. The fruit is reddish pink and very fleshy. A single plant can produce up to 200,000 seeds per year.

Birds that forage on the fleshy fruit are the primary means of dispersal, along with raccoons, skunks and opossums.

Seedlings and sprouts can be hand-pulled when the soil is moist to insure removal of the root system. On larger plants, cutting alone results in thicker dense growth. A glyphosate herbicide, such as Roundup, can be applied to the fresh cut stumps.



Exotic Bamboo

INVASIVE ALIEN

Origin –China, Latin America and the Caribbean

Bamboos were introduced for use as ornamentals and privacy fences

Bamboo, a tall hardy grass is a quickly renewable resource. The species we know today evolved from prehistoric grasses between thirty and forty million years ago. It became the major food source for herbivorous animals. It makes up 99% of the Panda Bear's diet.

Bamboo grows in two styles, clumping and running. Running bamboo species are especially easy to grow, as they produce several shoots at a time, and will take over as much room as they possibly can. The thick forest-like environment bamboo creates prohibits natural plant species from growing. It shuts out sunlight and is difficult to manage. It must be completely plowed under to get rid of it.

Bamboos are some of the fastest growing plants in the world, as some species have been recorded as growing up to 100 cm (39 in) within a 24 hour period due to a unique rhizome dependent system. Unlike trees, individual bamboo culms emerge from the ground at their full diameter and grow to their full height in a single growing season of 3–4 months.

Here are reasons why you should not plant bamboo in your yard:

- 1. Bamboo can spread into neighboring yards.
- 2. Bamboo is an invasive threat to biodiversity.
- 3. Many applications of herbicides will be required for bamboo removal.
- 4. Containment of spreading bamboo can be very expensive and complicated.



Burning Bush INVASIVE ALIEN

Origin – Asia, Japan and China

Introduced for use as an ornamental plant for landscaping beginning about 1860.

Burning Bush is widely planted by landscape professionals and homeowners for its fall color, dark green leaves, winged stems and other characteristics.

This alien forms dense thickets in eastern North American forests, thickets that displace native woody and herbaceous plant species. Some eastern U.S. states are now banning the importation of burning bush.

Manual, mechanical and chemical means are available to control established plantings.

Burning bush may soon be getting a makeover to curb its voracious appetite for other plants' land, sunlight and soil nutrients. A University of Connecticut scientist and his research team have pinpointed the genetic combination to grow a seedless, non-invasive version of burning bush without sacrificing its stunning fall colors and durability. In short, they've neutered the incorrigible plant to make it behave.



Canada
Thistle
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Origin –
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Canada Thistle was accidentally introduced the 1600's and is designated as a noxio weed in 43 states.

Canada thistle is an extremely widespread weed of agricultural and ecological areas It invades a variety of dry to moist open habitats including barrens, fields, grasslands pastures, stream banks, wet meadows and open forests. It is not very tolerant o shade.

Once established, if conditions are suitable, Canada thistle can form dense stands that shade out and displace native plants, changing the plant community structure and species composition and reducing biodiversity. It spreads rapidly.

Management of Canada thistle is very difficult, but can be achieved through cutting mowing, controlled burning, and chemical means, depending on the level or infestation and the type of area being managed. Due to its perennial nature, entire plants must be killed in order to prevent regrowth from rootstock. Hand-cutting or individual plants or mowing of larger infestations prior to seed set will help reduce spread, but will need to be done repeatedly to exhaust root reserves.



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Vetch wa introduced to United States 1950's and primarily use erosion con

Crown vetch is a perennial herb in the pea/legume family. It has spreading to diffuse, creeping that can reach two to six feet in length. The pea-like, pinkish-white to deep pink flowers or clusters at the end of extended stalks and appear from late spring through summer.

Vetch prefers sunny, open areas. However, it is tolerant of temperatures down to -33° C, per drought and periods of heavy precipitation. Since crown vetch was originally planted for control, it is now located mostly along roadsides, rights-of-way, open fields and waste grounds

Crown vetch becomes a problem when it invades natural areas, where it excludes native veg by fully covering those native plants. It can climb over small trees and shrubs, and eventual large monocultures. It seeds prolifically, but can also rapidly spread by rhizome growth.

Manual or mechanical methods can be used to control crown vetch. However, these method often time consuming and labor-intensive, as all pieces of the stems, roots, and rhizomes in carefully removed. Mowing can eventually control crown vetch if it is repeated several times for several years. Prescribed burning may also be effective in late spring but should a repeated for several years. Herbicides are currently the most effective means to control infestations of crown vetch.



English Ivy infests woodlands, forest edges, fields, hedgerows and other up some soil moisture is present. It is one of the most abundant and insidious in all vegetation levels of forested and open areas, growing along the ground as

As a ground cover, the dense growth forms a thick canopy just above the grown reaching herbs and seedlings. English lvy vines that climb up trees can from reaching the tree's leaves, thus killing the tree from the ground up. The amake the tree more susceptible to storm damage.

English Ivy has been confirmed as a reservoir for Bacterial Leaf Scorch, a wide variety of native and ornamental trees such as elms, oaks and maples.

Vines on the ground can be pulled by hand with some difficulty. Vines growing the upper portions and relieve the tree canopy. Portions of the vines left in treated with an herbicide or cut repeatedly until no re-growth occurs.



Garlic Mustard is a 1-3 feet biennial plant, with 4-6" leaves which a to heart shaped. Garlic mustard has become the dominant under Some butterflies confuse garlic mustard with the native species, to larvae die because of toxic compounds in the leaves. Garlic must that harm fungi which many native plants need for optimal growth feed on garlic mustard; instead they chose native plants which garlic mustard. If you see this plant, pull it out before it goes to see remove the plant with its entire root system because new plant fragments. This is best achieved when the soil is moist, by grasp plant and tugging gently until the main root loosens from the soil out. Pulled plants should be removed from site if at all possible, present. Researchers are investigating potential biological control which may greatly improve the control of this insidious weed.



Exotic bush honeysuckles can rapidly invade and overtake a site, forming a cand shades out native plant species. They alter habitats by decreasing light moisture and nutrients, and possibly by releasing toxic chemicals that prevagrowing in the vicinity. In addition, the fruits of exotic bush honeysuckles, carbohydrates, do not offer migrating birds the high-fat, nutrient-rich food so that are supplied by native plant species. Exotic bush honeysuckles are relatively often occur in forest edge, abandoned field, pasture, roadsides and of Woodlands, especially those that have been grazed or otherwise disturbed, in bush honeysuckles.

Exotic bush honeysuckles are upright, generally deciduous shrubs that rang The 1-2 ½ inch, egg-shaped leaves are opposite along the stem and short-s hollow. Pairs of fragrant, tubular flowers less than an inch long are borne along

Mechanical (uprooting seedlings and sprouts by hand when the soil is decomplete root system) and chemical methods (glyphosate) are the primar honeysuckles. Well established stands of bush honeysuckles are probably stems to ground level and painting or spraying the stumps with a slightly hiplogical control agents.



Japanese honeysuckle has few natural enemies which allows it to spread w plant species. A ubiquitous invader, Japanese honeysuckle thrives in a wide fields, forests, wetlands and all types of disturbed lands. Its evergreen to sem added advantage over native species in many areas. Shrubs and young trees vines twist tightly around stems and trunks, cutting off the flow of water throug honeysuckle covering vegetation can gradually kill plants by blocking sunlight Vigorous root competition also helps Japanese honeysuckle spread and vegetation.

Growth and spread of Japanese honeysuckle is through vegetative (plant grow It produces long vegetative runners that develop roots where stem and lescontact with moist soil. Underground stems (rhizomes) help to establish and distance dispersal is by birds and other wildlife that readily consume the fruit various distances from the

Seedlings and sprouts can be hand-pulled when the soil is moist to insure the For chemical treatment, follow label guidelines for glyphosate herbicide. Also applied to cut stem surfaces any time of year as long as the ground is not agents are currently evalled for language hand you led to

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Japanese Barberry is a deciduous shrub that grows : berries in the fall.

Barberry forms dense stands in a variety of habitate open woodlands, wetlands, pastures, meadows an highly shade tolerant shrub displaces native plants a White-tailed deer avoid browsing barberry, prefer

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Japanese Knotweed grows in large clumps up to 13 feet tall a hollow (similar to bamboo) and reddish. Leaves are somew Small Greenish-white flowers appear in late summer or early face.

With its emergence in early spring and dense growth, Knotwer reduces plant diversity and wildlife habitat. It can also promo channels. Knotweed can tolerate a variety of adverse conditihigh salinity and drought.

Japanese knotweed is commonly found near streams and r



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Lesser celandine is a perennial herbaceous flowering plant that comple winter and spring. It occurs in low open woods, floodplains, meadows and prefer sandy soils. Plants consist of a basal rosette of tender, succulent kidney- to heart-shaped leaves. Flowers are symmetrical, bright buttery center, have 8 (typical) to 12 petals, and are borne singly on delicate stalk Tiny cream colored bulblets are produced in stem axils and become ap period. Abundant fingerlike tubers are produced by the roots and are ea pulled up. When in bloom, large infestations of lesser celandine appear a dots, spread across the forest floor. There are many varieties of lesser of flowered form with many petals and dark green leaves mottled with silvery For small infestations, lesser celandine may be pulled up by hand or du shovel; larger infestations will require herbicides. It is very important to re-Due to the abundant tiny bulblets and tubers, all material must be bagge and disposed properly in a landfill or incinerator. A major consideration invasive plants like this is the disturbance to the soil which can encourage provide openings for invasion by other exotic species.

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Moneywort is an herbaceous, low-growing, perent evergreen to semi-evergreen foliage. The smooth creamd 2-4 inches in height and branch frequently to form

It can be found in a variety of different habitat types; poses the biggest threat in moist areas such as wet stream banks, bottoms, ditches, roadsides and alor prefers moist, rich, shaded soils.



Multiflora Rose is a perennial shrub with white to pinkish-white fluinto 5 to 11 toothed "leaflets". The fragrant flowers are ½ to 1 inc typically 3-5 inches long and have a drooping form. Originally multiflora rose was promoted by the US Soil Conservation controlling erosion and as "living fences" to confine livestock. extremely prolific and can form impenetrable thickets that exclusion woodlands, forest edges and unplowed farm fields are all prone to Cattle may have a difficulty grazing in affected pastures. Thes eliminate. Frequent cutting (3-6 times per season) over 4-6 year possible, dig out the roots after removing the thorny top.

Remain diligent. The seeds can germinate several years after



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Norway maple, a deciduous tree, reaches a height of 40-50 feet, occasion leaves are dark green, simple, opposite, 4"-7" wide with 5 lobes. The mature dense foliage and the bark is grayish-black and furrowed. Norway maple maples by the milky fluid that oozes from freshly broken leaf petioles (ste produces seeds earlier than other maples. Its normal fall foliage is pale yellow cultivar known as "Crimson King" which has deep reddish purple fall foliage.

Norway maple is well adapted to various soil extremes, such as sand, clay or conditions, and it can tolerate ozone and sulfur dioxide air pollution. Norway the United States and can be found from the northern border with Can Individual trees produce large numbers of seeds that are wind dispersed a edges. The dense canopy formed by Norway maple inhibits the regeneration of seedlings, reducing forest diversity. Also, since Norway maple has shallow plants in the landscape, including grasses, and can cause damage to paveme

Norway maple can be controlled by hand removal of seedlings. Larger trees be girdled.

Native Plant Alternatives: Red Maple, Sugar Maple, American Basswood Tuliptree.

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Various species of Privet have been introduced (E have escaped cultivation and are now established in

Privets invade forests, floodplains, wetlands and fi competing native vegetation.

Privets are stout, many branched shrubs in the olive f

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Purple loosestrife invades wetlands, river and stream banks, field Under favorable conditions, loosestrife is able to rapidly estal vegetation with a dense, homogeneous stand that reduces local bid species and provides little value to wildlife.

Loosestrife produces a showy display of magenta colored spikes summer. A single mature plant can produce two to three million se Loosestrife spreads through the vast quantity of seeds. It vegetatively through underground stems at the rate of about one fo

Small infestations may be pulled by hand, preferably before seed effective. Biological control (beetles) is the most effective me infestations.

Purple loosestrife is still widely sold as an ornamental.



Japanese stiltgrass is a lime-green grass, 24 in. to 40 in. tall. This most easily recognized by its leaves, which are distinctly tapered a both ends and about 2 in. to 3 in. long. The flower clusters occur After the plant develops a slight purplish tinge in the fall, identificatesier.

This invasive is common in forests, stream corridors and alon Stiltgrass is especially adapted to low light conditions. It threatens habitats in open to shady and moist to dry locations. Stiltgrass s patches, displacing native species that are not able to compete wi impacts native plants by changing soil chemistry and shading spreads rapidly through disturbed areas, replacing

herbaceous ground vegetation within 3 to 5 years if not removed rooted annual that can be pulled by hand especially when the soil with roots can be removed. August and September are the be prevent seed set.

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Wineberry occurs along forest, field, stream and wetland It poses a threat to native flora because of its vigorous of plants and establish extensive patches.

Wineberry has a typical blackberry appearance, except for glandular hairs that cover all parts of the plant.

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