

Worst Invasive Plants Harming Ohio's Natural Places

Common Name	Scientific Name		Common Name	Scientific Name	
Air-potato	<i>Dioscorea batatas</i>	WE	Kudzu	<i>Pueraria lobata</i>	WL
Asian bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	WE	Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	WL
Autumn-olive	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	T	Meadow fescue	<i>Festuca pratensis</i>	WE
Black swallow-wort	<i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i>	WL	Mile-a-minute vine	<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>	WL
Bouncing bet	<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	WE	Moneywort	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	WE
Buckthorn, European or common	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	T	Multiflora rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	T
Buckthorn, glossy	<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	T	Naid, Lesser	<i>Najas minor</i>	WE
Burning Bush	<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	WE	Nepalgrass	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	WL
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	WE	Nodding thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	WL
Cattail, hybrid	<i>Typha Xglauca</i>	WE	Periwinkle or myrtle	<i>Vinca minor</i>	WE
Cattail, narrow-leaved	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	WE	Poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	WE
Celandine, lesser	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	WE	Porcelain-berry	<i>Ampleopsis brevipedunculata</i>	WL
Chinese silvergrass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	WL	Privet, border	<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i>	WL
Common reed grass *	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	T	Privet, common	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	WE
Crown-vetch	<i>Coronilla varia</i>	WE	Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	T
Curly pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	WE	Quack grass	<i>Agropyron repens</i>	WE
Dame's rocket	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	WE	Queen Anne's lace	<i>Daucus carota</i>	WE
Day-lily	<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>	WE	Reed canary grass *	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	T
Dog rose	<i>Rosa canina</i>	WL	Russian-olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	WE
Eurasian water-milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	WE	Smooth brome	<i>Bromus inermis</i>	WE
European cranberry-bush	<i>Viburnum opulus var. opulus</i>	WE	Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea maculosa</i>	WL
Field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	WE	Star-of-Bethlehem	<i>Onithigalum umbellatum</i>	WL
Flowering-rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	WE	Sweet-clover, white	<i>Melilotus alba</i>	WE
Garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	T	Sweet-clover, yellow	<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	WE
Giant knotwood	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	WL	Teasel, common	<i>Dipsacus fullonum (sylvestris)</i>	WE
Honeysuckle, Amur	<i>Lonicera maackii</i>	T	Teasel, cut-leaved	<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i>	WE
Honeysuckle, Japanese	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	T	Tree-of-heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	WE
Honeysuckle, Morrow	<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>	T	Water-cress	<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	WE
Honeysuckle, Showy pink	<i>Lonicera Xbella</i>	WL	Willow herb, small-flowered h	<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>	WE
Honeysuckle, Tatarian	<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	T	Willow-herb, hairy	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	WE
Japanese barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	WE	Wintercreeper	<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	WE
Japanese knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	T	Yellow flag Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	WE
Johnson grass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	WE			

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T = TARGETED SPECIES: Have state-wide distribution, are the most invasive in Ohio's natural areas, and are the most difficult to control.	WE = WELL-ESTABLISHED INVASIVES: Pose moderate to serious threats to natural areas in Ohio.	WL = WATCH LIST: Area very invasive in natural areas and are a potential threat in	Ohio. The current distribution of these species may be limited.
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