

Worst Invasive Plants Harming Ohio's Natural Places

| Common Name | Scientific Name | | Common Name | Scientific Name | |
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| 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 Ohio. The current distribution of these species may be limited. | |
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