Invasive Plants

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Invasive Plants

- Produce large numbers of new plants each season
- Tolerates many soil types and weather
- Spread easily and efficiently, usually by wind, water, or animals.
- Grow rapidly, allowing them to displace slower growing plants.
Not all Landscape Plants are invasive

• Invasive plants are not all equally invasive.
• An invasive plant has the ability to thrive and spread aggressively outside its natural range.
Invasive Plants are Regional

• Plants that are invasive here, may not be elsewhere and vice versa
Top 10 Arkansas Landscape Invasives

Alphabetically
1. Bamboo

*Phyllostachys* species
2. Bradford Pears

*Pyrus calleryana ‘Bradford’*
They are coming up everywhere!
3. English Ivy

*Hedera helix*
4. Japanese Honeysuckle

_Lonicera japonica_
5. Kudzu

_Pueraria montana_
6. Mimosa

*Albizia julibrissin*
7. Privet

*Ligustrum sinense*

Privet is the most invasive plant in Arkansas!
8. Running Monkey Grass

*Liriope spicata*
9. Large leaf vinca

*Vinca major*
10. Wisteria

*Wisteria floribunda*
Other Invasive Landscape Plants

• The following plants have been invasive in some landscape situations, and should be used with caution.

• They are more invasive under certain soil and weather conditions.
Bishop’s Weed

*Aegopodium podagraria*
Ajuga

*Ajuga reptans*
Garlic Chives

Allium tuberosum
Devil’s Walking Stick
Aralia spinosa
Ardisia

Ardisia japonica
Artemesia

Artemisia absinthium

Artemisia vulgaris 'Oriental Limelight'
Trumpet Creeper

_Campsis radicans_
Sweet Autumn Clematis

*Clematis terniflora*
Mexican Hydrangea

Clereodendron bungei
Wild Ageratum

Conoclinium coelestinum
Queen Ann’s Lace

*Daucus carota*
Russian Olive

Elaeagnus angustifolia
Horsetail - Scouring Rush

*Equisetum hyemale*
Wintercreeper Euonymus

*Euonymus fortunei*
Carolina Jessamine

Gelsemium sempervirens
Ground Ivy

*Glechoma hederacea*
Chameleon Plant

*Houttuynia cordata*
Morning Glory

Ipomoea violacea
Cypress Vine

Ipomoea quamoclit
Creeping Jenny

*Lysimachia nummularia*
Yellow Rose of Texas
Kerria japonica
Deadnettle

*Lamium species*
Purple Loosestrife

Lythrum salicaria
Nandina

*Nandina domestica*
Mint

*Mentha species*
Bee Balm

Monarda didyma
Showy Evening Primrose

*Oenothera speciosa*
Prickly Pear Cactus

*Opuntia sp.*
Star of Bethlehem

*Ornithogalum umbellatum*
Woodsorrel

Oxalis species
Passionflower

*Passiflora incarnata*
Obedient Plant

*Physostegia virginiana*
Cherry Laurel

Prunus caroliniana
Pickerel Weed

*Pontederia cordata*
Mexican Petunia

*Ruellia brittoniana*
Sumac

*Rhus glabra*
Bouncing Bet

*Saponaria officinalis*
Some varieties are worse than others

Dwarf goldenrod

common
Spiderwort

*Tradescantia virginiana*
Each year the spread will be greater
Contain problem plants
Or prune
Weeds can also be invasive
Choose plants wisely!

• With new plants appearing yearly on the market, there has not been ample research on level of invasiveness.

• Monitor your plants growth and contain if needed.