Invasive Landscape
Plants in Arkansas

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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.
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
'Oridental 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*
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.
Spiderwort

*Tradescantia virginiana*
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.
Invasive Plants are Regional

Plants that are invasive here, may not be elsewhere and vice versa
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.