

The Nature Conservancy

The mission of the The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.



Protecting nature. Preserving life.™

About The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is a leading global conservation organization working to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. We work in all 50 states and more than 30 countries worldwide. Since 1951, we've helped protect more than 117 million acres of land and 5,000 river miles, and we have established more than 100 marine conservation projects.

Invasive Species: A Global Problem

Introduced species can damage the lands and waters that native plants and animals need to survive.

They diminish habitats, disrupt economies, and threaten human well-being. The estimated damage

from invasive species worldwide totals

more than \$1.4 trillion – five percent of the global economy.



Volunteers with The Nature Conservancy of Maryland/DC remove Japanese stiltgrass by hand to protect rare plants and native habitats in the Washington, DC area.

Mary Traveglini, TNC



Steve Dewey, Utah State University

Salt cedar invades a river valley in the arid southwestern United States: Covering over 1 million acres, this thirsty Eurasian shrub can dry up streams and groundwater, rendering the land useless. The Conservancy works with partners to eradicate salt cedar from the San Miguel watershed and curtail its spread along 400 miles of the Purgatoire River system in southwestern Colorado.

What The Conservancy Is Doing

The Nature Conservancy works around the world to prevent or control the spread of invasive species. We seek practical solutions based on science and work with public and private partners on conservation challenges. Our focus is on prevention and early detection as the most effective strategies to combat invasive species.

Learn how you can help at www.nature.org/oneplanet.

Native habitats in Florida are being smothered by climbing fern. To control it, the Conservancy has mobilized a coast-to-coast partnership across central Florida.



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