

What are exotic pest plants?

We call plants “exotic” if people moved them to an area outside their natural native range. Other terms for exotic include alien, non-native and non-indigenous. Many exotic plants are beneficial but over 1,000 have been found to be harmful to native species and ecosystems in the United States. These injurious species are called “invasive exotic” or “exotic pest” plants.

What makes a species invasive?

Species are considered invasive when they grow and spread rapidly, displacing native plant communities and disrupting natural processes like fire frequency, flooding, and natural succession.

How many invasive exotic plants are in the mid-Atlantic region?

According to field experts, about 285 exotic plant species have been identified as being invasive in natural areas in this region. This includes mostly terrestrial but a few aquatic plant species.

Some targeted invasive exotic plants include:

Aquatic Plants

Hydrilla ~ *Hydrilla verticillata*
Eurasian watermilfoil ~ *Myriophyllum spicatum*

Herbs

Garlic mustard ~ *Alliaria petiolata*
Purple loosestrife ~ *Lythrum salicaria*
Japanese stiltgrass ~ *Microstegium vimineum*
Japanese knotweed ~ *Polygonum cuspidatum*
Lesser celandine ~ *Ranunculus ficaria*

Shrubs

Japanese barberry ~ *Berberis thunbergii*
Common privet ~ *Ligustrum vulgare*
Amur honeysuckle ~ *Lonicera maackii*
Multiflora rose ~ *Rosa multiflora*

Trees

Norway maple ~ *Acer platanoides*
Tree of heaven ~ *Ailanthus altissima*
Northern catalpa ~ *Catalpa speciosa*
Princess tree ~ *Paulownia tomentosa*
Callery pear (Bradford) ~ *Pyrus calleryana*

Vines

Porcelainberry ~ *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*
Asiatic bittersweet ~ *Celastrus orbiculatus*
English ivy ~ *Hedera helix*
Japanese honeysuckle ~ *Lonicera japonica*
Mile-a-minute ~ *Polygonum perfoliatum*
Chinese wisteria ~ *Wisteria sinensis*

Please join us. Be part of the solution.

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What is the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council?

The Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity. Membership contributions may be tax-deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

MA-EPPC provides regional leadership and coordination by gathering and sharing information on the identification and management of invasive species, implementing on-the-ground management, identifying research needs and priorities, and establishing partnerships to support these efforts.

The council endeavors to educate the public on the threat and impacts of invasive exotic plants to the natural environment and to reduce, prevent, and eliminate invasive plant populations in the mid-Atlantic region.

Council representation includes government agencies, non-governmental organizations, industry, academia, and private citizens from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

For more information, visit our website:

<http://ma-eppc.org>

What Can I Do to Help?

- ✂ **Join the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council.**
- ✂ **Learn which invasive plant species are causing problems and how to recognize them.**
- ✂ **Learn how to control invasive plants.**
- ✂ **Volunteer to help remove invasive plants from a park or natural area near you.**
- ✂ **Discover which plants make great substitutes for invasive species.**
- ✂ **Teach others how to identify and control invasive plants.**
- ✂ **Attend conferences and workshops to learn more.**

MA-EPPC Needs *Your Support!*

Your membership provides the resources to:

- ✂ **Conduct annual conferences, workshops, and symposia**
- ✂ **Hold invasive plant control events**
- ✂ **Produce books, fact sheets, slide shows and other educational materials**
- ✂ **Maintain the council's webpage, electronic list-serve, and much more**

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Coordinating regional efforts to identify, prevent, and remove invasive exotic plants and to restore the area's ecosystems and native biodiversity