

The Alien Plant Working Group's

2009

Invasive Plant

Calendar

hits the newstands





Plant Conservation Alliance's Alien Plant Working Group

2009 Invasive Plant Calendar

Weeds Gone Wild are plants introduced into new areas outside their native ranges that have become invasive in natural habitats. Introduced plants are also referred to as alien, exotic, non-native, and non-indigenous. Native plants occur in a particular habitat and ecosystem as a result of natural forces, excluding human activities. Invasive plants crowd out native species when introduced to new habitats. They reproduce and spread rapidly because they are free from the natural controls present in their native lands.

For more information on the identification and management of invasive plants affecting natural areas from the aquatic to the terrestrial, including fact sheets for some of the species in this calendar, take a look at the website (<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien>).

Weeds Gone Wild: Alien Plant Invaders of Natural Areas is a web-based project of the Alien Plant Working Group that provides information for the general public, land managers, researchers, and others on the serious threat and impacts of invasive alien plants to the native flora, fauna, and natural ecosystems of the United States. The site provides:

- Illustrated fact sheets with control options
- Background on the problem including terminology
- Links to an invasive plant list for the United States hosted by the University of Georgia
- Invasive species internet links
- And much more!

The Alien Plant Working Group provides public education, invasive plant management advice, networking, regional support, and policy guidance.

APWG works with a variety of organizations across the United States and internationally. If you would like to get involved with APWG, please send an email to the Alien Plant Working Group Chairperson, Jil Swearingen (jil_swearingen@nps.gov).

January 2009

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Planté Nasty
Invader

ICEPLANT - CARPOBROTUS EDULIS

CALIFORNIA'S
IMPENETRABLE MATS

CHECK OUT THE
INCREASED
SALINITY

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This South American issue can be found in natural areas of CA.

February 2009

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SCIENTIFIC INVASIVE

THE DENSE THICKETS OF LANTANA

Can we safeguard our creekbanks and roadsides from *Lantana camara*?

- Allelopathically Inhibiting Native Plants
- Decreasing Productivity In Pastures
- Altering Fire Regimes
- Creating Dense Understory

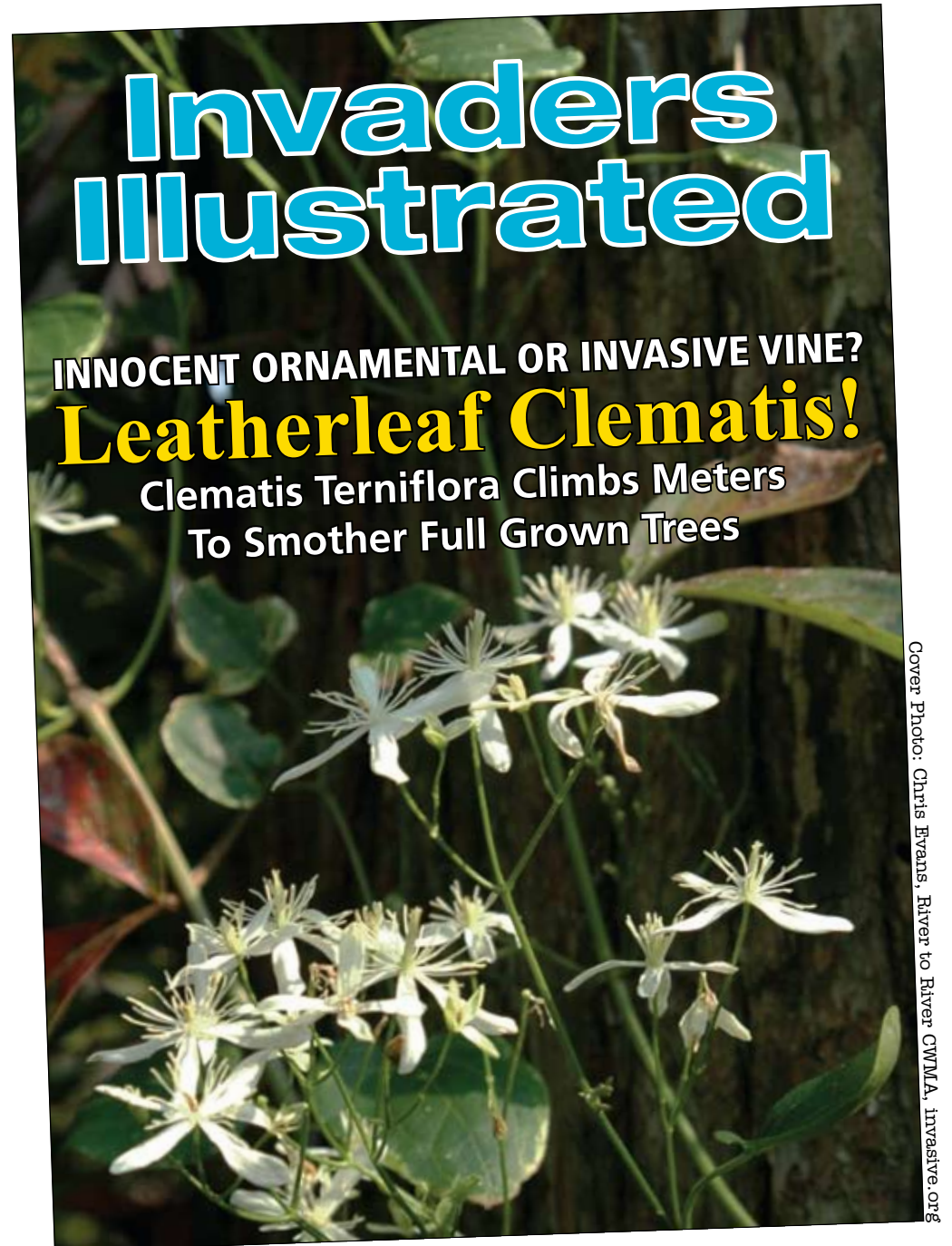
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This Central & South American issue can be found in natural areas of AZ, FL, HI, SC, and TX.

March 2009

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backyard
invading

ORNAMENTAL TREE
brazilian pepper
for instant invasiveness

Also alters fire regimes!

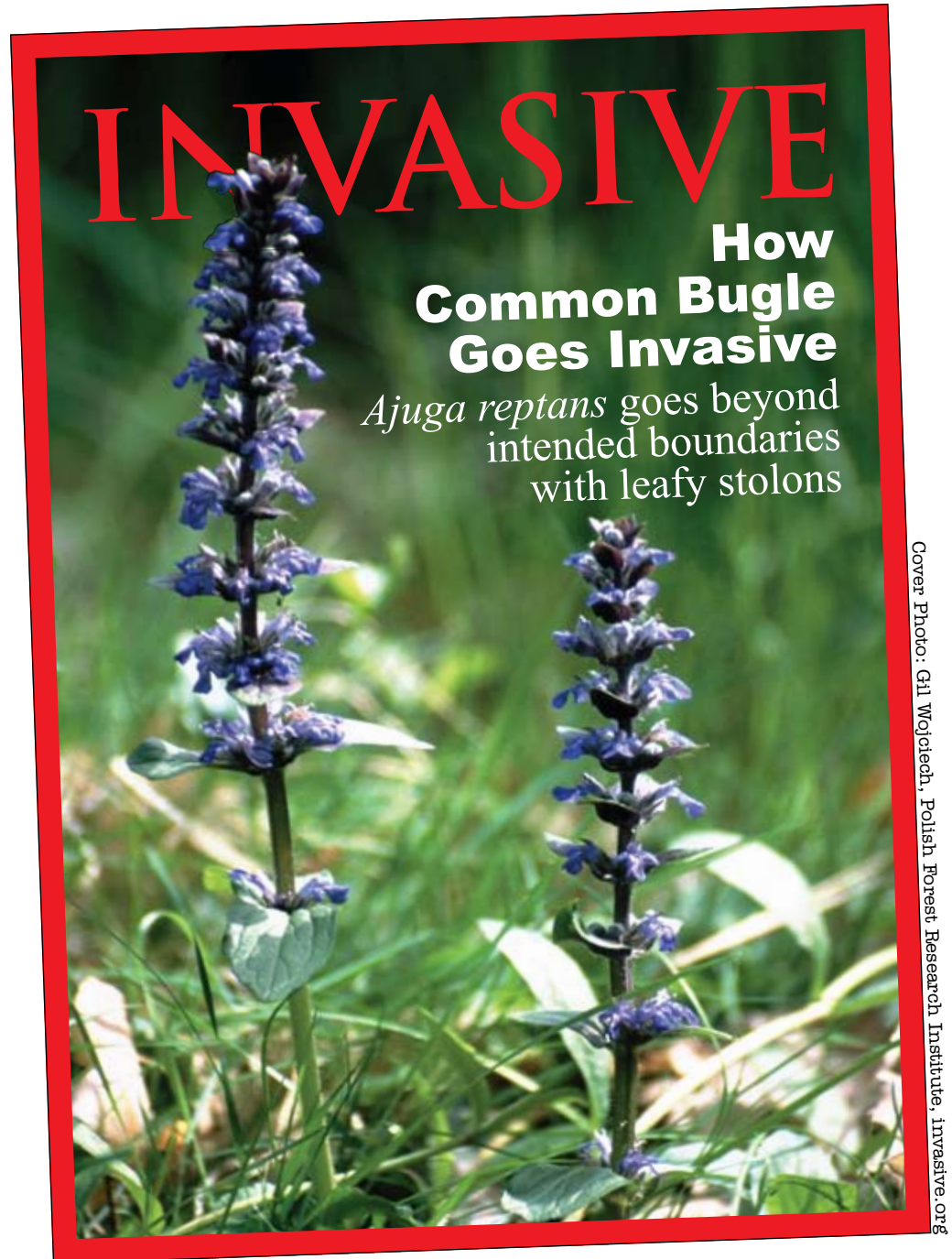
Create a dense canopy
with *Schinus terebinthifolius* to shade out all other plants

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This South American issue can be found in natural areas of FL and HI.

May 2009

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This European issue can be found in natural areas of MD, TN, and VA.

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ConsumerInvaders

Stop planting common barberry

4 ways that *Berberis vulgaris* invades areas

- Forms spiny dense stands
- Shades out and limits other plants
- Reduces wildlife habitat & forage
- Alternate host for wheat rust



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This European issue can be found in natural areas of CA, CT, IL, IN, IA, PA, MA, ME, MT, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, RI, TN, VT, and WI.

July 2009

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THE INVASIVE
MAGAZINE

**PORCELAINBERRY
SHADE & SMOTHER!**

- Climbs higher than 20 feet
- Invades disturbed areas
- Consumes habitat

**...READ THE AMPELOPSIS
BREVIPEDECULATA GUIDE**

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invasive magazine

Silk Tree in Bloom

Albizia julibrissin Invades!

- Difficult to remove
- Resprouts vigorously
- Produces large seed crops

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September 2009

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Invading

The ecological impact of
lesser celandine

3 Things About
Ranunculus ficaria

Excluding native
spring ephemerals

Forming large,
dense patches

Early emerging
invader in forests

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Autumn InvasiveScapes

Blazing Fall Color Invading

BURNING BUSH Spreads Extensively from Plantings

What can you do NOW about *Euonymus alatus* and how it displaces native vegetation by forming dense thickets?

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Invasives Today

Celastrus orbiculatus
Not Your Garden Friend
Vigorous Vine Growth
Girdles and Weighs Down Trees
Can Completely Cover Others
Shading and Out-Competing Natives

Move On! **Stop Planting Asian Bittersweet, Switch to Natives... And More**

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Invader's Digest

CAN WE TRUST CINNAMOMUM CAMPHORA?

Learn about the invader that is trying to push out the endangered native Florida jujube

CAMPHOR TREE THE INVASIVE

Growing like a weed and infesting forests

DON'T PLANT IT!

Produces seed prolifically



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