

A Grow Native! Top 10 List

FEATURED CATEGORY: **INVASIVE PLANTS**

Invasive Plants on the Increase • Invade Natural Areas, Suppress Native Plants

	NATIVE PLANT NAME	HEIGHT	SUN	CONTROL METHOD*
1	Oriental bittersweet (<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>)	50–80'	Shade	Dig out or treat cut stumps with herbicide.
2	Burning bush (<i>Euonymus alatus</i>)	8–10'	Shade	Treat cut stumps with herbicide.
3	Wintercreeper (<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>)	6"–80'	Shade	Dig out, cut tall stems & spray leaves in winter.
4	Bush honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera maackii</i>)	8–12'	Shade	Pull or dig out or treat cut stumps with herbicide.
5	Callery/Bradford pear (<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>)	20–50'	Sun	Treat cut stumps with herbicide.
6	Autumn olive (<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>)	10–15'	Sun	Treat cut stumps with herbicide.
7	Garlic mustard (<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>)	1.5–2'	Shade	Pull seedlings when in flower.
8	Japanese honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera japonica</i>)	10–15'	Shade	Dig out or spray leaves in winter.
9	Sericea lespedeza (<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>)	3–4'	Sun	Spray leaves in summer before bloom.
10	Johnson grass (<i>Sorghum hapalense</i>)	5–7'	Sun	Spray leaves in summer before bloom.

*Be sure to use the appropriate herbicide for control of specific plants, and always follow product directions.

The Missouri Invasive Exotic Plant Species Task Force (MIEPSTF) is an initiative of the Missouri Prairie Foundation's Grow Native! program, spearheaded in 2015 as a multi-agency, multi-industry networking and advocacy group to bolster statewide efforts to identify and control the invasive plant species that severely impact native biodiversity. Representatives from the fields of conservation, agriculture, botanical science, ecological services, plant production, horticulture, landscape services and design, and arboriculture make up the MIEPSTF.

The MIEPSTF reviews, discusses, and recommends educational and regulatory action related to managing non-native invasive plant species negatively impacting Missouri's natural communities and built landscapes. To learn more, visit www.grownative.org.

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