

# TOP INVASIVE PLANTS EXPANDING IN MISSOURI

**INVASIVE: AN AGGRESSIVE, NON-NATIVE SPECIES WHOSE PRESENCE CAUSES OR IS LIKELY TO CAUSE ECONOMIC HARM OR ENVIRONMENTAL HARM**

MoIP's 2021 List of Expanding Invasive Plants draws data from MoIP's statewide assessment created by experienced field biologists in Missouri. Biologists estimated how rapidly the species' ranges will expand to form new occurrences throughout each of Missouri's primary ecological regions over the next 10 years. Plants below may be expanding rapidly in some Missouri regions, but not in others. Visit [moinvasives.org/moip-assessment/](http://moinvasives.org/moip-assessment/) for more information.

1. **Callery pear** (*Pyrus calleryana*)
2. **Garlic mustard** (*Alliaria petiolata*)
3. **Sericea lespedeza** (*Lespedeza cuneata*)
4. **Invasive privets** (*Ligustrum* spp.)
5. **Reed canary grass** (*Phalaris arundinacea*)
6. **Japanese stiltgrass** (*Microstegium vimineum*)
7. **Invasive bush-honeysuckles** (*Lonicera* spp.)
8. **Himalayan blackberry** (*Rubus armeniacus*)
9. **Autumn olive** (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)
10. **Japanese chaff flower** (*Achyranthes japonica*)
11. **Japanese honeysuckle** (*Lonicera japonica*)
12. **Japanese hops** (*Humulus japonicus*)
13. **Wintercreeper, climbing euonymus** (*Euonymus fortunei*)
14. **Teasels** (*Dipsacus* spp.)
15. **Sweet autumn virginsbower** (*Clematis terniflora*)
16. **Smooth brome** (*Bromus inermis*)
17. **Invasive wisterias** (*Wisteria* spp.)
18. **Oriental bittersweet** (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)
19. **Spotted knapweed** (*Centaurea stoebe* subsp. *micranthos*)
20. **Japanese knotweed** (*Fallopia japonica*)
21. **Burning bush** (*Euonymus alatus*)
22. **Birdsfoot trefoil** (*Lotus corniculatus*)
23. **Johnson grass** (*Sorghum halepense*)
24. **Old-world bluestems** (*Bothriochloa* spp.)
25. **Common reed** (*Phragmites australis*)



This educational campaign is ongoing. Follow MoIP for more on our assessment and find ID and control resources for each plant listed.