Did you know?

MISSISSIPPI LOWLANDS EXPANDING INVASIVE PLANTS

Invasive: An aggressive, non-native species whose presence causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm

Expanding: Spreading at a high rate

Missouri's Mississippi Lowlands Region is threatened by many invasive plants. Because of their vigorous expansion, the invasive plants pictured below are particularly important to identify and control. Learning how to identify and remove them from your property is the first step in protecting the vitality of Missouri's natural and agricultural lands. For more information on identification and removal, visit the Missouri Invasive Plant Council (MoIP) website.

1. Japanese chaff flower

Achyranthes japonica

Image credit: Chris Evans, University of Illinois, Bugwood.

2. Bush honeysuckles

Lonicera spp.

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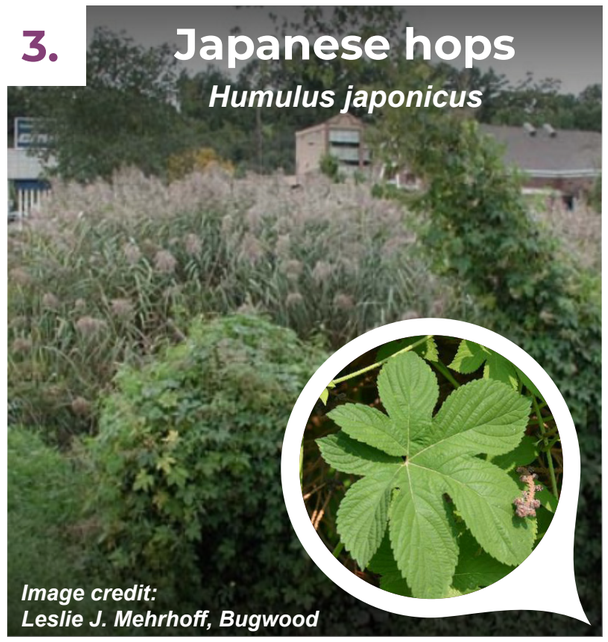
3. Japanese hops

Humulus japonicus



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4. Johnson grass

Sorghum halepense

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5. Kudzu

Pueraria montana

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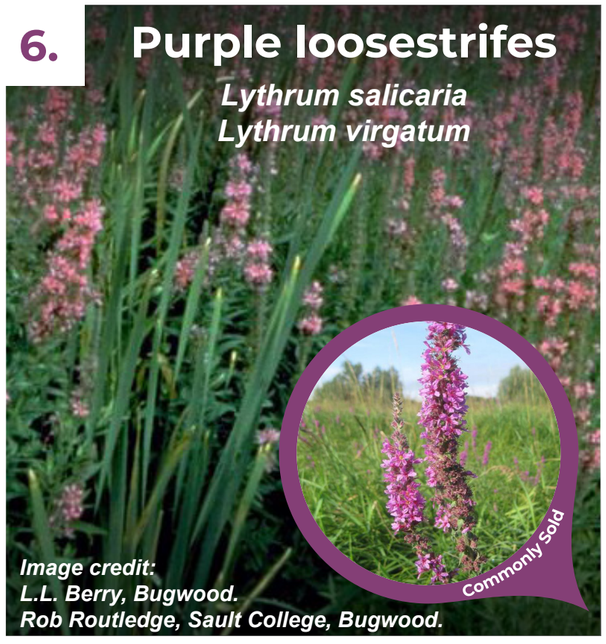
6. Purple loosestrifes

Lythrum salicaria
Lythrum virgatum



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7. Non-Native thistles

The underside of non-native thistle leaves are generally green.

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Cities in the Mississippi Lowlands Region:

- Sikeston

Are you aware of other invasive plants in the Mississippi Lowlands not listed here? If so, contact us!

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The data collected on expanding invasive plants comes from the MoIP invasive plant assessment.