

Did you know?

OSAGE PLAINS TOP 15 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 Osage Plains 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. Callery pear
Pyrus calleryana and its cultivars

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Commonly sold

2. Sericea lespedeza
Lespedeza cuneata

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3. Privets
Ligustrum spp.

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4. Reed canary grass
Phalaris arundinacea

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5. Japanese honeysuckle
Lonicera japonica

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6. Bush honeysuckles
Lonicera spp.

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7. Sweet autumn virginibower
Clematis terniflora

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8. Autumn olive
Elaeagnus umbellata

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9. Burning bush
Euonymus alatus

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10. Spotted knapweed
Centaurea stoebe

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11. Johnson grass
Sorghum halepense

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12. Himalayan blackberry
Rubus armeniacus

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13. Climbing euonymus
Euonymus fortunei

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14. Tall fescue
Festuca arundinacea
** Invasive when escapes agricultural use.*

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15. Japanese hops
Humulus japonicus

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Cities in the Osage Plains Region:

- Nevada
- Clinton
- Sedalia
- El Dorado Springs
- Windsor
- Harrisonville
- Warsaw

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