

Did you know?

# OZARKS 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 Ozarks 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. Garlic mustard**  
*Alliaria petiolata*



Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**2. Japanese stiltgrass**  
*Microstegium vimineum*



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**3. Sericea lespedeza**  
*Lespedeza cuneata*



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**4. Callery pear**  
*Pyrus calleryana* and its cultivars

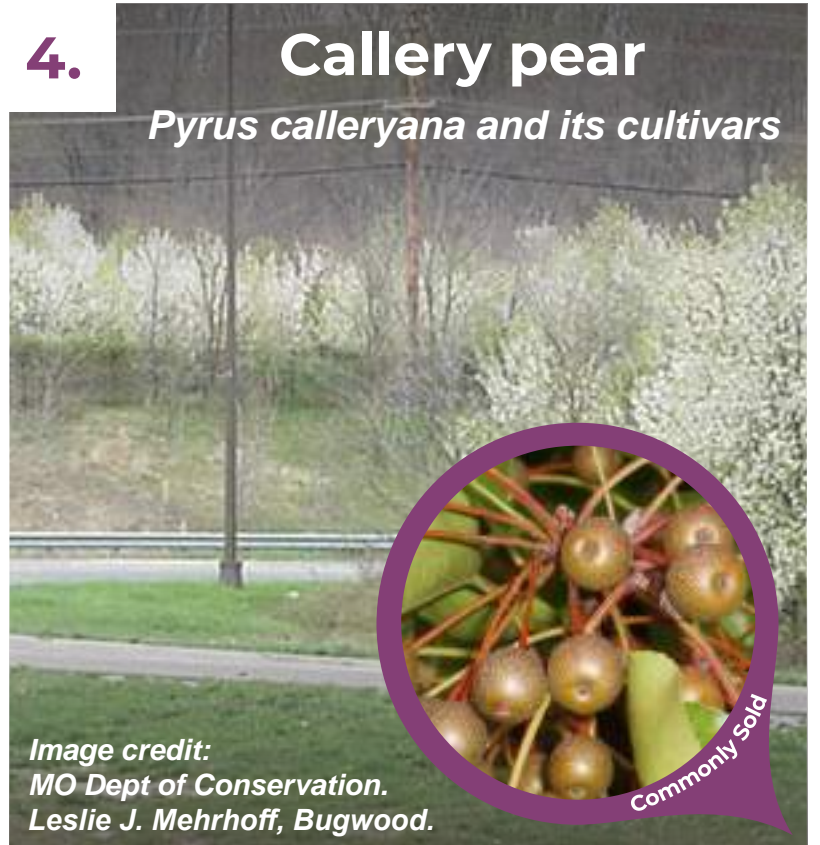


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**5. Non-Native wisterias**  
*Wisteria floribunda*  
*Wisteria sinensis*

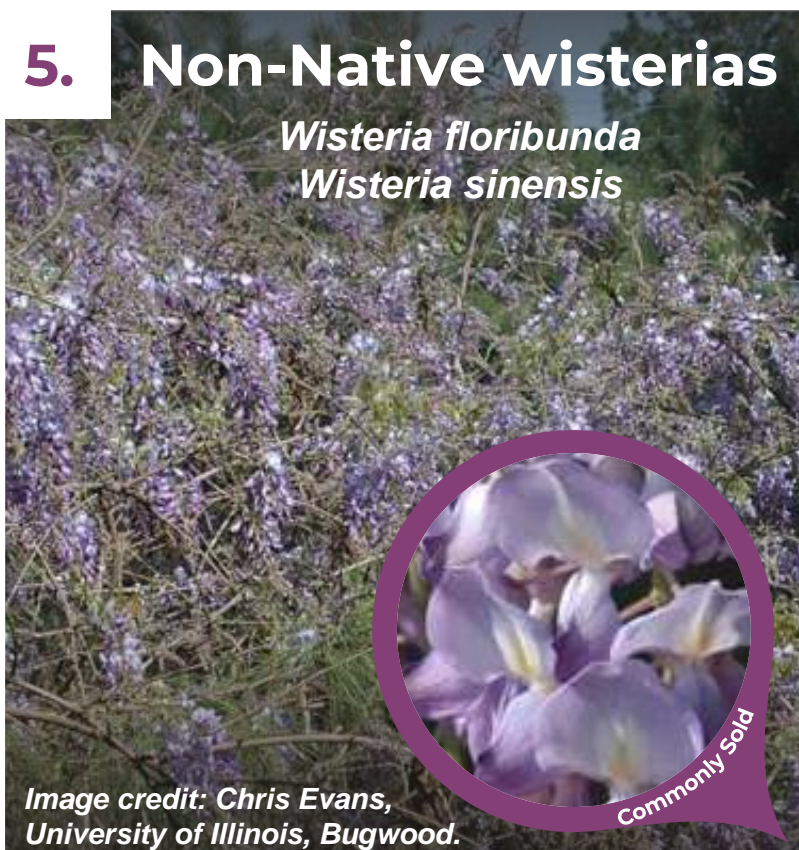


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**6. Bush honeysuckles**  
*Lonicera* spp.



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**7. Spotted knapweed**  
*Centaurea stoebe*



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**8. Tree of heaven**  
*Ailanthus altissima*



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**9. Autumn olive**  
*Elaeagnus umbellata*



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**10. Johnson grass**  
*Sorghum halepense*



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**11. Burning bush**  
*Euonymus alatus*

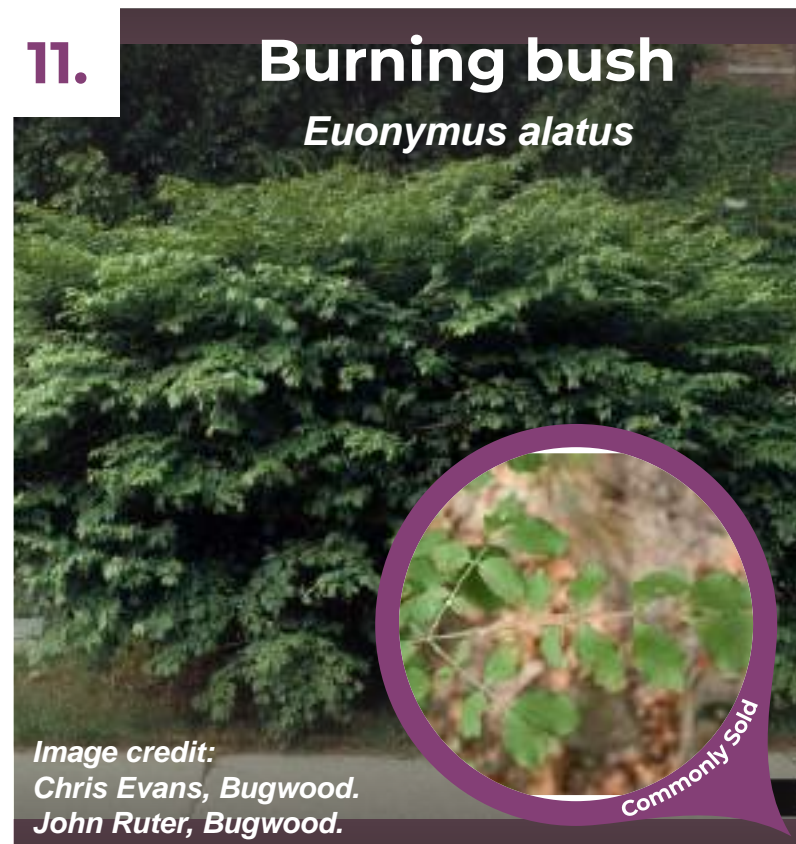


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**12. Japanese hops**  
*Humulus japonicus*

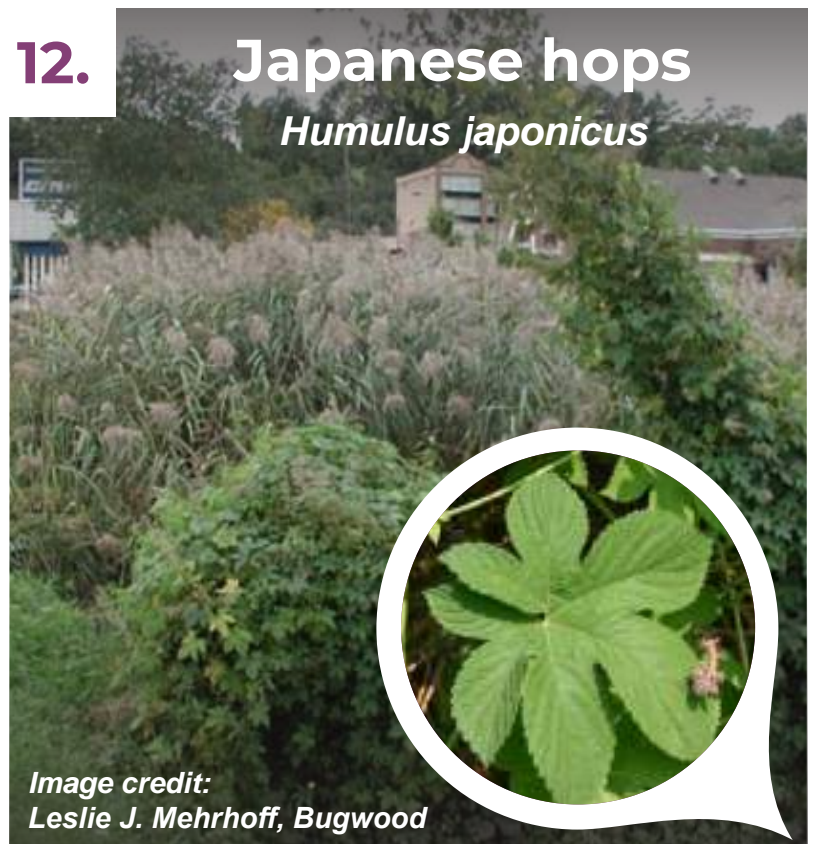


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**13. Multiflora rose**  
*Rosa multiflora*



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**14. Curly-Leaf pondweed**  
*Potamogeton crispus*



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**15. Japanese honeysuckle**  
*Lonicera japonica*

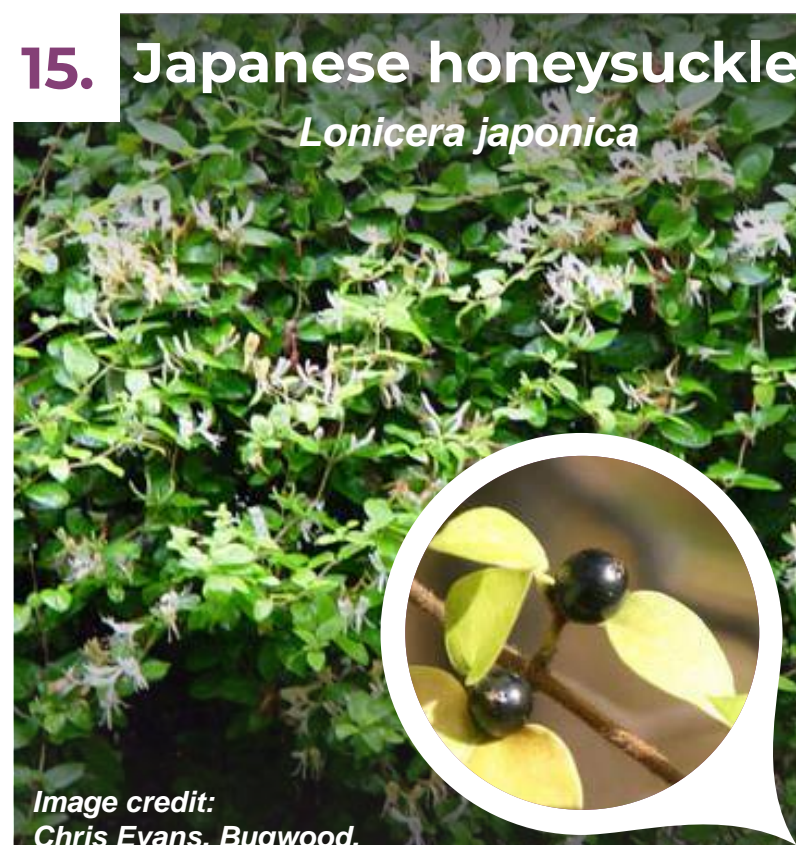


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- Joplin
- Poplar Bluff
- Branson
- Salem
- Van Buren
- Winona
- Mountain View

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