Did you know?

BIG RIVERS TOP 9
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 Big Rivers 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. Reed canary grass
   Phalaris arundinacea
   Image credit: Jamie Nielsen, Bugwood.

2. Japanese hops
   Humulus japonicus
   Image credit: Leslie J. Mehrhoff, Bugwood

3. Bush honeysuckles
   Lonicera spp.
   Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.
   Richard Gardner, Bugwood.

4. Common reed
   Phragmites australis
   Image credit: Caleb Steenerson, Nat’l. Ecological OBS Network.
   Leslie J. Mehrhoff, Univ. of CT. Bugwood.org

5. Johnson grass
   Sorghum halepense
   Image credit: David J. Moorhead, Bugwood.
   Steve Dewey, Bugwood.

6. Purple loosestrifes
   Lythrum salicaria
   Lythrum virgatum
   Image credit: L.L. Berry, Bugwood.

7. Japanese chaff flower
   Achyranthes japonica
   Image credit: Chris Evans, University of Illinois, Bugwood.

8. Teasels
   Dipsacus spp.
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9. Non-Native thistles
   The underside of non-native thistle leaves are generally green.
   Image credit: Rob Routledge, Sault College.
   Joel Price, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture. Bugwood.org

Cities in the Big Rivers Region:
- St. Louis
- Kansas City
- Jefferson City
- St. Joseph
- Cape Girardeau

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