

Did you know?

# TOP 25 STATEWIDE 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 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. Sericea lespedeza**  
*Lespedeza cuneata*

Image credit: Dan Tenagila, Bugwood.

**2. Callery pear**  
*Pyrus calleryana*

Image credit: MO Dept of Conservation, Leslie J. Mehrhoff, Bugwood.

**3. Bush honeysuckles**  
*Lonicera spp.*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood, Richard Gardner, Bugwood.

**4. Reed canary grass**  
*Phalaris arundinacea*

Image credit: Jamie Nielsen, Bugwood, Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**5. Garlic mustard**  
*Alliaria petiolata*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**6. Autumn olive**  
*Elaeagnus umbellata*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**7. Japanese honeysuckle**  
*Lonicera japonica*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**8. Oriental bittersweet**  
*Celastrus orbiculatus*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**9. Himalayan blackberry**  
*Rubus armeniacus*

Image credit: Leslie J. Mehrhoff, Bugwood.

**10. Japanese stiltgrass**  
*Microstegium vimineum*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**11. Japanese knotweed**  
*Fallopia japonica*

Image credit: Andreas Rockstein, Flickr.

**12. Privets**  
*Ligustrum spp.*

Image credit: Richard Gardner, Bugwood, James H. Miller, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.

**13. Climbing euonymus**  
*Euonymus fortunei*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**14. Johnson grass**  
*Sorghum halepense*

Image credit: David J. Moorhead, Bugwood, Steve Dewey, Bugwood.

**15. Burning bush**  
*Euonymus alatus*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood, John Ruter, Bugwood.

**16. Japanese hops**  
*Humulus japonicus*

Image credit: Leslie J. Mehrhoff, Bugwood.

**17. Spotted knapweed**  
*Centaurea stoebe*

Image credit: Leslie J. Mehrhoff, Bugwood, Rob Routledge, Bugwood.

**18. Common reed**  
*Phragmites Australis*

Image credit: Leslie J. Mehrhoff, Bugwood, Rob Routledge, Bugwood.

**19. Teasels**  
*Dipsacus spp.*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**20. Japanese chaff flower**  
*Achyranthes japonica*

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

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

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

**22. Smooth brome**  
*Bromus inermis*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood, Dave Powell, Bugwood.

**23. Sweet autumn virginibower**  
*Clematis terniflora*

Image credit: Chris Evans, University of Illinois, Richard Webb, Bugwood.org

This plant information is provided by the MoIP Ranked Assessment of Invasive Plants.

**24. Birdsfoot trefoil**  
*Lotus corniculatus*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood, John Munt, Flickr.

**25. Old-World bluestems**  
*Bothriochloa spp.*

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