

Did you know?

# OZARK BORDER 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 Ozark Border 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*

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

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**2. Invasive privets**  
*Ligustrum spp.*

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**3. Japanese stiltgrass**  
*Microstegium vimineum*

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**4. Invasive Bush honeysuckles**  
*Lonicera spp.*

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

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

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**6. Sericea lespedeza**  
*Lespedeza cuneata*

Image credit: Dan Tenagila, Bugwood.

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

Image credit: Chris Evans, Bugwood.

**8. Autumn olive**  
*Elaeagnus umbellata*

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**9. Climbing euonymus**  
*Euonymus fortunei*

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**10. Oriental bittersweet**  
*Celastrus orbiculatus*

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

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**12. Teasels**  
*Dipsacus spp.*

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**13. Japanese hops**  
*Humulus japonicus*

Image credit: Leslie J. Mehrhoff, Bugwood.

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

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**15. Mimosa or Silk tree**  
*Albizia julibrissin*

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### Cities in the Ozark Border Region:

- St. Louis
- Columbia
- Jefferson City
- Cape Girardeau

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