

2007 INVASIVE PLANT CALENDAR

Weeds Gone Wild are plants introduced into new areas outside their native ranges that have become invasive in natural habitats. Introduced plants are also referred to as *alien*, *exotic*, *non-native*, and *non-indigenous*. Native plants occur in a particular habitat and ecosystem as a result of natural forces, excluding human activities. Invasive plants crowd out native species when introduced to new habitats. They reproduce and spread rapidly because they lack the natural controls present in their native lands.

For more information on the identification and management of invasive plants affecting natural areas, including fact sheets for some of the species in this calendar, take a look at the site (<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien>).

Weeds Gone Wild: Alien Plant Invaders of Natural Areas is a web-based project of the Alien Plant Working Group that provides information for the general public, land managers, researchers, and others on the serious threat and impacts of invasive alien plants to the native flora, fauna, and natural ecosystems of the United States. The site provides:

- An invasive plant list for the United States
- Illustrated fact sheets with control options
- Background on the problem including terminology
- Invasive species internet links
- And much more!

The Alien Plant Working Group provides public education, invasive plant management advice, networking, regional support, and policy guidance. For more details, please refer to the group's "Action Agenda for Invasive Plants" available on the website.

APWG works with a variety of organizations across the United States and internationally. If you would like to get involved with APWG, please send an email to the Alien Plant Working Group Chairperson, Jil Swearingen (jil_swearingen@nps.gov).

Photo: Forest & Kim Starr (USGS)

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INVASIVE
MICONIA
Miconia calvenscens
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WESTERN



INVASIVE
YELLOW STAR THISTLE
Centaurea solstitialis

Photo: Bill Bumgarner

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NEW ENGLAND



INVASIVE
BLACK SWALLOW-WORT
Cynanchum louiseae

Photo: Jennifer Forman Orth

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NORTHEAST



INVASIVE
JAPANESE BARBERRY
Berberis thunbergii

Photo: Jennifer Forman Orth

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NORTH CENTRAL



INVASIVE
LEAFY SPURGE
Euphorbia esula

Photo: Anita Gould

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ALASKA



INVASIVE
BIRD VETCH
Vicia cracca

Photo: Michael Shephard, USDA Forest Service, <http://www.invasive.org>

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NORTHWEST



INVASIVE
SCOTCH BROOM
Cytisus scoparius

Photo: Utah State University Archives, <http://www.invasive.org>

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GREAT LAKES



INVASIVE

GLOSSY BUCKTHORN
Frangula alnus

Photo: Jennifer Forman Orth

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MID-ATLANTIC



INVASIVE
ENGLISH IVY
Hedera helix

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SOUTHEAST



INVASIVE
SKUNK VINE
Paederia foetida

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SOUTH CENTRAL



INVASIVE
WILD TURNIP
Rapistrum rugosum

Photo: Texas Weed Information Group, <http://twig.tamu.edu>

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SOUTHWEST



INVASIVE
CHEATGRASS
Bromus tectorum

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