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SAVING THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH

Recommended web sites for invasive plant information

- <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu>

TNC's "Invasives on the Web" - Includes invasive species fact sheets, information on controlling invasives and a wide variety of invasive exotic species information.

- www.newfs.org/invasive/invasive.htm

New England Wild Flower Society – A list of books and articles about invasive plants, their identification, distribution, and control methods. Also includes pictures and questions/answers about a few specific invasive plants.

- www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/ans/ans-index.htm

Vermont Department of Environment Conservation - This Aquatic Nuisance Species section of the Water Quality Division web site presents information regarding aquatic nuisance species. The Vermont DEC manages the Vermont Aquatic Nuisance Control Program. The goal of the Program is "to prevent or reduce the environmental and socio-economic impacts of nuisance (primarily non-native) aquatic plant and animal species." Many species are included in the Program; however, the priority species at this time are listed at the site.

- www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/exoticspecies

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services - The DES Exotic Species Program coordinates activities associated with the control and management of exotic aquatic plants, as well as activities associated with the implementation of education programs and volunteer plant monitoring programs.

- www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg/

Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group–Invasive Plants Management Guide – a helpful management guide that includes fact sheets and invasive plant control information.

- www.nps.gov/plants/alien/factmain.htm

Plant Conservation Alliance - Illustrated, easy-to-read fact sheets on invasive alien plants with native ranges, plant descriptions, ecological threats, U.S. distributions & habitats, background of introductions, plant reproduction & dispersal, management approaches, alternative native plants, and other useful information.

- www.cropsci.ncsu.edu/aquaticweeds/comturf/turf.htm

Water Gardens, Aquascaping, Lake Restoration and Aquatic Weeds – This site was created by a professor in North Carolina but contains general information that would be helpful for northeastern aquatic environments.

- members.valley.net/~invasiveplants/

Upper Valley Purple Loosestrife Coalition – An informative site based in the Upper Connecticut River Valley describing common northeast invasive plants such as Purple Loosestrife, Garlic Mustard, Shrub Honeysuckles and Glossy Buckthorn. Information is included on natural history of the weeds and how to control them.

- <http://invasions.bio.utk.edu>

The Institute for Biological Invasions - The IBI site has an extensive library on biological invasions consisting of books, journal articles, government reports, conference proceedings, magazine and newspaper articles, and other 'gray' literature. In addition they provide links to sites about invasives policies and programs, specific species information, databases, recent invasives news, and sites by region, habitat and taxon.

- <http://www.lastgreatplaces.org/berkshire/issues/art6404.html>

A Nature Conservancy 'Last Great Place', The Berkshire Taconic Landscape - This site discusses frequently asked questions about invasive plants such as: What is being done about the invasives problem? What can I do about the invasive plant problem? How do invasives arrive in the first place, and how do they spread? The Berkshire-Taconic Program also explores additional resources to learn more about invasive plants.

Vermont Plant Quarantine Rule: Class A and B species

In April 2002, the Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food & Markets adopted a plant quarantine rule in order to regulate the importation, movement, sale, possession, cultivation, and/or distribution of certain invasive plants. The rule creates two quarantine categories.

- Class A species are not yet known to occur in Vermont and are all species on the federal noxious weed list. The movement, importation, sale, possession, cultivation, and/ or distribution of Class A plants is prohibited.
- Class B species occur in Vermont and pose a serious threat to the state. The rule prohibits the movement, sale, and/ or distribution of Class B species.

Class A and B species listed under Vermont's Quarantine Rule:

Species name	Common Name	Status
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	fanwort	Class A
<i>Egeria densa</i>	Brazilian Elodea	Class A
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	hydrilla	Class A
<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>	East Indian hygrophila	Class A
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	parrot feather	Class A
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	variable-leaved milfoil	Class A
<i>Salvinia</i> sp. (four species)	giant salvinia	Class A
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	pale swallow-wort	Class A
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	goutweed	Class B
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree-of-heaven	Class B
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard	Class B
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	flowering rush	Class B
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Oriental bittersweet	Class B
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Japanese knotweed	Class B
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	frogbit	Class B
<i>Lonicera</i> sp. (four species)	honeysuckle	Class B
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle	Class B
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	purple loostrife	Class B
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil	Class B
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	yellow floating heart	Class B
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	common reed	Class B
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	curly leaf pondweed	Class B
<i>Rhamnus</i> sp. (two species)	buckthorn	Class B
<i>Trapa natans</i>	water chestnut	Class B
<i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i>	black swallow-wort	Class B