

Connecticut Invasive Plants Council CONNECTICUT INVASIVE PLANT LIST July 2009 Ordered by Scientific Name

Statement to accompany list -- January 2004: This is a list of species that have been determined by floristic analysis to be invasive or potentially invasive in the state of Connecticut, in accordance with PA 03-136. The Invasive Plants Council will generate a second list recommending restrictions on some of these plants. In developing the second list and particular restrictions, the Council will recognize the need to balance the detrimental effects of invasive plants with the agricultural and horticultural value of some of these plants, while still protecting the state's minimally managed habitats.

In May 2004, Public Act 04-203 banned a subset of the January 2004 list making it illegal to move, sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute banned plants.

Effective July 1, 2009, Public Act 09-52 removed the ban on *Pistia stratiotes*.

@ column indicates growth form or habitat: A = Aquatic & Wetland; Grass = Grass & Grass-like; H = Herbaceous; S = Shrub; T = Tree; V = Woody Vine

Explanation of symbols after Common Name:

(P) indicates Potentially Invasive (all other plants listed are considered Invasive in Connecticut)

* denotes that the species, although shown by scientific evaluation to be invasive, has cultivars that have not been evaluated for invasive characteristics. Further research may determine whether or not individual cultivars are potentially invasive. Cultivars are commercially available selections of a plant species that have been bred or selected for predictable, desirable attributes of horticultural value such as form (dwarf or weeping forms), foliage (variegated or colorful leaves), or flowering attributes (enhanced flower color or size).

^ indicates species that are not currently known to be naturalized in Connecticut but would likely become invasive here if they are found to persist in the state without cultivation

BAN column indicates ban date: 2003 = banned by PA 03-136; 2004 = effective 10-01-04; 2005 = effective 10-01-05; N/A = not banned under PA 04-203 or PA 09-52

COMMON NAME	@	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SYNONYMS	BAN
Amur maple (P)	T	<i>Acer ginnala</i> L.		N/A
Norway maple*	T	<i>Acer platanoides</i> L.		N/A
Sycamore maple (P)	T	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> L.		2004
Goutweed	H	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i> L.		2005
Tree of heaven	T	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Mill.) Swingle		2004
Garlic mustard	H	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	author. = (Bieb.) Cavara & Grande	2004
False indigo (P)	S	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> L.		2004
Porcelainberry* (P)	V	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	author. = (Maxim.) Trautv.	N/A
Hairy jointgrass (P)	G	<i>Arthraxon hispidus</i> (Thunb.) Makino	Small carpgrass	2004
Japanese barberry*	S	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC.		N/A
Common barberry	S	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> L.		2004
Drooping brome-grass (P)	G	<i>Bromus tectorum</i> L.	Cheatgrass	2004
Flowering rush (P)	A	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i> L.		2005
Fanwort	A	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i> A. Gray		2003
Pond water-starwort (P)	A	<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i> Scop.		2005
Narrowleaf bittercress	H	<i>Cardamine impatiens</i> L.		2004
Japanese sedge^ (P)	G	<i>Carex kobomugi</i> Owhi		2004
Oriental bittersweet	V	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> Thunb.	Asiatic bittersweet	2004
Spotted knapweed	H	<i>Centaurea biebersteinii</i> DC	<i>Centaurea maculosa</i>	2004
Canada thistle (P)	H	<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop.		2004
Black swallow-wort	H	<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	auth.=Kartesz & Grande; <i>C. or V. nigrum</i>	2004
Pale swallow-wort	H	<i>Cynanchum rossicum</i> (Kleoe.) Borhidi	<i>Vincetoxicum rossicum</i>	2004
Jimsonweed (P)	H	<i>Datura stramonium</i> L.		2004
Brazilian water-weed (P)	A	<i>Egeria densa</i> Planchon	Anacharis; Egeria	2003
Common water-hyacinth^ (P)	A	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> (Mart.) Solms		N/A
Russian olive (P)	S	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> L.		2004
Autumn Olive	S	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> Thunb.		2004
Crested late-summer mint (P)	H	<i>Elsholtzia ciliata</i> (Thunb.) Hylander	Elsholtzia	2004
Winged euonymus*	S	<i>Euonymus alatus</i> (Thunb.) Sieb.	Burning-bush	N/A
Cypress spurge (P)	H	<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i> L.		2004
Leafy spurge	H	<i>Euphorbia esula</i> L.		2004
Glossy buckthorn	S	<i>Frangula alnus</i> Mill.	European buckthorn; <i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	N/A
Slender snake cotton (P)	H	<i>Froelichia gracilis</i> (Hook.) Moq.	Cottonweed	2004
Ground ivy (P)	H	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i> L.	Run-away robin; Gill-over-the-ground	2004
Reed mannagrass (P)	G	<i>Glyceria maxima</i> (Hartman) Holmberg	Tall mannagrass	2004
Giant hogweed (P)	H	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	author. = Sommier & Lavier	2004
Dame's rocket	H	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i> L.		2004
Japanese hops (P)	H	<i>Humulus japonicus</i> Sieb. & Zucc.		2004
Hydrilla	A	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> (L.f.) Royle		2003
Ornamental jewelweed^ (P)	H	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i> Royle	Tall impatiens	2004
Yellow iris	A	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> L.	Yellow flag iris	2005

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Common kochia (P)	H	<i>Kochia scoparia</i> (L.) Schrader	Summer cypress; Fireweed	2004
Perennial pepperweed	H	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i> L.	Tall pepperwort	2004
Border privet (P)	S	<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i> Sieb.& Zucc.		2005
California privet (P)	S	<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i> Hassk.		N/A
European privet (P)	S	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> L.		N/A
Bell's honeysuckle	S	<i>Lonicera x bella</i> Zabel	Belle honeysuckle	2004
Japanese honeysuckle*	V	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb.		2005
Amur honeysuckle	S	<i>Lonicera maackii</i> (Rupr.) Maxim.		2004
Morrow's honeysuckle	S	<i>Lonicera morrowii</i> A. Gray		2004
Tatarian honeysuckle (P)	S	<i>Lonicera tatarica</i> L.		2005
Dwarf honeysuckle^ (P)	S	<i>Lonicera xylosteum</i> L.	European fly-honeysuckle	2005
Ragged robin (P)	H	<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i> L.		2004
Moneywort* (P)	H	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i> L.	Creeping jenny	N/A
Garden loosestrife* (P)	H	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i> L.		2005
Purple loosestrife	A	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> L.		2005
European waterclover (P)	A	<i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i> L.	Water shamrock	2005
Japanese stilt grass	G	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	author. = (Trin.) A. Camus	2004
Eulalia* (P)	G	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> Anderss.	Chinese or Japanese silvergrass	N/A
Forget-me-not	A	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i> L.	True forget-me-not; Water scorpion-grass	2005
Parrotfeather (P)	A	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	author. = (Vell.) Verdc.	2005
Variable-leaf watermilfoil	A	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	author. = Michx.	2003
Eurasian watermilfoil	A	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> L.		2003
Brittle water-nymph (P)	A	<i>Najas minor</i> All.	Eutrophic water-nymph	2005
American water lotus (P)	A	<i>Nelumbo lutea</i> (Willd.) Pers.	American water lotus	2005
Yellow floating heart^ (P)	A	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	author. = (Gmel.) Kuntze	2005
Scotch thistle (P)	H	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i> L.		2004
Star-of-Bethlehem (P)	H	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i> L.		N/A
Princess tree (P)	T	<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	auth.= (Thunb.) Steudel; Empress-tree	2004
Reed canary grass	G	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> L.		N/A
Common reed	G	<i>Phragmites australis</i> (Cav.) Trin.	Phragmites	2004
Water lettuce^ (P)	A	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i> L.		N/A
Canada bluegrass (P)	G	<i>Poa compressa</i> L.		2004
Bristled knotweed (P)	H	<i>Polygonum caespitosum</i> Blume	Smartweed	2004
Japanese knotweed	H	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	auth.= Sieb & Zucc.; <i>Fallopia japonica</i>	2004
Mile-a-minute vine	H	<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i> L.		2004
Giant knotweed (P)	H	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	auth.=F. Schmidt ex Maxim.; <i>Fallopia</i> s...	2004
White poplar (P)	T	<i>Populus alba</i> L.		2004
Crispy-leaved pondweed	A	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i> L.	Curly or Curly-leaved pondweed	2003
Kudzu (P)	V	<i>Pueraria montana</i> (Lour.) Merr.	<i>Pueraria lobata</i>	2004
Fig buttercup	H	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> L.	Lesser celandine	2004
Common buckthorn	S	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> L.		2004
Black locust*	T	<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i> L.		N/A
Onerow yellowcress (P)	A	<i>Rorippa microphylla</i>	auth.= (Boenn. ex Reichenb.) Hyl. ex A. & D. Löve	2005
Watercress (P)	A	<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	auth.= (L.) Hayek; <i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	2005
Multiflora rose	S	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> Thunb.		2004
Rugosa rose* (P)	S	<i>Rosa rugosa</i> Thunb.	Beach, Salt spray, Jap., or Ramanas Rose	N/A
Wineberry (P)	S	<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i> Maxim.		2004
Sheep sorrel (P)	H	<i>Rumex acetosella</i> L.		2004
Giant salvinia^ (P)	A	<i>Salvinia molesta</i> Mitchell complex		2005
Tansy ragwort^ (P)	H	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i> L.	Stinking Willie	2004
Cup plant (P)	H	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i> L.		2004
Bittersweet nightshade (P)	H	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i> L.	Climbing nightshade	2004
Water chestnut	A	<i>Trapa natans</i> L.		2003
Coltsfoot	H	<i>Tussilago farfara</i> L.		2004
Garden heliotrope (P)	H	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i> L.	Valerian	2004