

APPENDIX L



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GEORGIA EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL

Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council List of Non-native Invasive Plants in Georgia

Georgia EPPC Invasive Plant List Purpose

The purpose of the Georgia EPPC Invasive Plant List is to identify and categorize plants that pose threats to natural areas in Georgia. Natural areas are those areas that are managed to conserve or restore the native plant communities. For this list, invasive plants do not include plants that are only problems in agricultural or pastoral systems. The list does not have regulatory authority; it is intended to aid in land management decisions and increase public awareness of invasive species.

Invasive Plant Definition

Invasive species is defined as any species, including its seeds, spores or other biological material capable of propagating that species, that is not native to that ecosystem; and whose introduction does or is likely to cause environmental harm. Political boundaries are not used when determining a species nativity. Instead a species is defined as being exotic when it is not native to a particular ecosystem, making it possible to have a species that is native to parts of Georgia, but considered invasive in others.

List Description

The invasive plant list is separated into 4 categories, with one subcategory (see category definitions below). Species were ranked by EPPC members with input from other professionals and land managers. Detailed distribution information does not exist for many of these species, making it difficult to use demonstrable distribution data as a criterion for ranking a species. Efforts are underway to collect this distribution data and future revisions of the Georgia EPPC Invasive Species List will incorporate the data.

Category 1 - Exotic plant that is a serious problem in Georgia natural areas by extensively invading native plant communities and displacing native species.

Scientific Name

[Ailanthus altissima](#) (P. Mill.) Swingle
[Albizia julibrissin](#) Durazz.
[Alternanthera philoxeroides](#) (Mart.) Griseb.
[Eichhornia crassipes](#) (Mart.) Solms
[Elaeagnus umbellata](#) Thunb.
[Hedera helix](#) L.
[Hydrilla verticillata](#) (L. f.) Royle
[Lespedeza bicolor](#) Turcz.
[Lespedeza cuneata](#) (Dum.-Cours.) G. Don
[Ligustrum sinense](#) Lour.
[Lonicera japonica](#) Thunb.
[Lygodium japonicum](#) (Thunb. ex Murr.) Sw.
[Melia azedarach](#) L.
[Microstegium vimineum](#) (Trin.) A. Camus
[Murdannia keisak](#) (Hassk.) Hand.-Maz.
[Paulownia tomentosa](#) (Thunb.) Sieb. & Zucc. ex Steud.
[Pueraria montana var. lobata](#) (Willd.) Maesen & S. Almeida

Common Name

tree-of-heaven
 mimosa
 alligatorweed
 waterhyacinth
 autumn-olive
 English ivy
 hydrilla
 shrubby lespedeza
 sericea lespedeza
 Chinese privet
 Japanese honeysuckle
 Japanese climbing fern
 chinaberry
 Nepalese browntop
 marsh dayflower
 princess tree
 kudzu

<i>Rosa multiflora</i> Thunb. ex Murr.	multiflora rose
<i>Triadica sebifera</i> (L.) Small	Chinese tallowtree
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> (Sims) DC.	Chinese wisteria

Category 1 Alert - Exotic plant that is a not yet a serious problem in Georgia natural areas, but that has significant potential to become a serious problem.

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Achyranthes japonica</i> (Miq.) Nakai	Japanese chaff flower
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i> (Bieb.) Cavara & Grande	garlic mustard
<i>Arthraxon hispidus</i> (Thunb.) Makino	small carpetgrass, joint-head grass
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> Thunb.	oriental bittersweet
<i>Fallopia japonica</i> Sieb. & Zucc.	Japanese knotweed
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> (L.) Beauv.	cogongrass
<i>Paederia foetida</i> L.	skunk-vine
<i>Salvinia molesta</i> D. S. Mitchell	giant salvinia

Category 2 - Exotic plant that is a moderate problem in Georgia natural areas through invading native plant communities and displacing native species, but to a lesser degree than category 1 species.

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Ardisia crenata</i> Sims	coral ardisia
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (L.) J. Presl	camphortree
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Pers	bermudagrass
<i>Dioscorea polystachya</i> Turcz.	Chinese yam
<i>Egeria densa</i> Planch.	Brazilian egeria
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> Thunb.	thorny olive
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> Lam.	oxeye daisy
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> Thunb.	Japanese privet
<i>Lonicera maackii</i> (Rupr.) Herder	Amur honeysuckle
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> Anderss.	Chinese silvergrass
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> (Vell.) Verdc.	parrotfeather
<i>Nandina domestica</i> Thunb.	sacred bamboo
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i> Ait. f.	watercress
<i>Paspalum notatum</i> Flueggé	bahiagrass
<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i> Carr. ex A.& C. Rivière	golden bamboo
<i>Sesbania herbacea</i> (P. Mill.) McVaugh	bigpod sesbania
<i>Sesbania punicea</i> (Cav.) Benth.	red sesbania
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> L. f.	Japanese spiraea
<i>Tamarix gallica</i> L.	French tamarisk
<i>Vinca major</i> L.	big periwinkle
<i>Vinca minor</i> L.	common periwinkle

Category 3 - Exotic plant that is a minor problem in Georgia natural areas, or is not yet known to be a problem in Georgia but is known to be a problem in adjacent states.

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i> (L.) R. Br. ex DC.	sessile joyweed
<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i> (Maxim.) Trautv.	Amur peppervine
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> L.	sweet vernalgrass
<i>Arundo donax</i> L.	giant reed
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC.	Japanese barberry
<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i> (L.) L'Hér. ex Vent.	paper-mulberry
<i>Carduus nutans</i> L.	musk thistle
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i> L.	cornflower
<i>Clematis terniflora</i> DC	sweet autumn virginsbower
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i> (L.) Schott	coco yam, wild taro
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	Queen Anne's lace, wild carrot
<i>Dioscorea alata</i> L.	winged yam
<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i> L.	air-potato
<i>Eragrostis curvula</i> (Schrud.) Nees	weeping lovegrass
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<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> (Turcz.) Hand.-Maz.	winter creeper
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i> Schreb.	tall fescue
<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i> (L.) L.	tawny daylily
<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> L.	rose of Sharon
<i>Lantana camara</i> L.	largeleaf lantana
<i>Lespedeza thunbergii</i> (DC.) Nakai	Thunberg lespedeza
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> W.T. Aiton	glossy privet
<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i> (Vahl) Blume	limnophila
<i>Liriope muscari</i> (Dcne.) Bailey	monkeygrass
<i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i> Lindl. & Paxton	sweet breath of spring
<i>Mahonia bealei</i> (Fortune) Carr.	leatherleaf mahonia
<i>Marsilea minuta</i> L.	dwarf waterclover
<i>Melilotus alba</i> Medikus	white sweetclover
<i>Melinis repens</i> (Willd.) Zizka	natalgrass
<i>Mentha x piperita</i> L. (pro sp.)	peppermint
<i>Morus alba</i> L.	white mulberry
<i>Mosla dianthera</i> (Buch.-Ham. ex Roxb.) Maxim.	miniature beefsteakplant
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> Linnaeus	Eurasian watermilfoil
<i>Panicum repens</i> L.	torpedograss
<i>Paspalum urvillei</i> Steud.	vaseygrass
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i> S.F. Gray	ladysthumb
<i>Phragmites australis</i> (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud.	common reed
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<i>Poa annua</i> L.	annual bluegrass
<i>Poncirus trifoliata</i> (L.) Raf.	trifoliolate orange
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i> L.	curlyleaf pondweed
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> Dcne.	Callery pear (Bradford pear)

<i>Rottboellia cochinchinensis</i> (Lour.) W.D. Clayton	itchgrass
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i> Focke	Himalaya blackberry
<i>Securigera varia</i> (L.) Lassen	crownvetch
<i>Sesbania vesicaria</i> (Jacq.) Ell.	bagpod
<i>Solanum viarum</i> Dunal	tropical soda apple
<i>Sorghum halepense</i> (L.) Pers.	johnsongrass
<i>Stachys floridana</i> Shuttlw. ex Benth.	Florida betony
<i>Vernicia fordii</i> (Hemsl.) Airy-Shaw	tungoil tree

Category 4 - Exotic plant that is naturalized in Georgia but generally does not pose a problem in Georgia natural areas or a potentially invasive plant in need of additional information to determine its true status.

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Akebia quinata</i> (Houtt.) Dcne.	chocolate vine
<i>Allium vineale</i> L.	wild garlic
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i> (L.) DC.	alyceclover
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> L.	mugwort
<i>Bidens bipinnata</i> L.	spanishneedles
<i>Bidens pilosa</i> L.	hairy beggarticks
<i>Bromus secalinus</i> L.	rye brome
<i>Bromus tectorum</i> L.	cheatgrass
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> (Savi) Ten.	bull thistle
<i>Commelina benghalensis</i> L.	Benghal dayflower
<i>Commelina benghalensis</i> L.	Benghal dayflower
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> (L.) Link	Scotch broom
<i>Euonymus alatus</i> (Thunb.) Sieb.	winged burning bush
<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i> F. Schmidt ex Maxim.	Sakhalin knotweed
<i>Fatoua villosa</i> (Thunb.) Nakai	mulberryweed
<i>Firmiana simplex</i> (L.) W. Wight	Chinese parasoltree
<i>Ilex cornuta</i> Lindl. & Paxton	Chinese holly
<i>Ilex crenata</i> Thunb.	Japanese holly
<i>Ipomoea coccinea</i> L.	red morningglory
<i>Ipomoea cordatotriloba</i> var. <i>cordatotriloba</i> Dennst.	tievine
<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i> (L.) Roth	tall morningglory
<i>Jacquemontia tamnifolia</i> (L.) Griseb.	smallflower morningglory
<i>Kummerowia stipulacea</i> (Maxim.) Makino	Korean lespedeza
<i>Kummerowia stipulacea</i> (Maxim.) Makino	Korean lespedeza
<i>Kummerowia striata</i> (Thunb.) Schindl.	common lespedeza
<i>Kummerowia striata</i> (Thunb.) Schindl.	common lespedeza
<i>Liriope spicata</i> (Thunb.) Lour.	creeping liriope
<i>Najas minor</i> All.	brittleleaf naiad
<i>Orobanche minor</i> Smith	small broomrape
<i>Paspalum quadrifarium</i> Lam.	tussock paspalum
<i>Persicaria longisetata</i> (Brujin) Kitagawa	Oriental lady's thumb

<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> M. Roemer	scarlet firethorn
<i>Quercus acutissima</i> Carruthers	sawtooth oak
<i>Rosa laevigata</i> Michx.	Cherokee rose
<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i> Maxim.	wine raspberry
<i>Setaria faberi</i> Herm.	giant foxtail
<i>Setaria pumila</i> (Poir.) Roemer & J.A. Schultes	yellow foxtail
<i>Setaria viridis</i> var. <i>viridis</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	green bristlegrass
<i>Sonchus asper</i> (L.) Hill	spiny sowthistle
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> L.	annual sowthistle
<i>Torilis arvensis</i> (Huds.) Link	hedgearsley
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i> L.	common mullein
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i> L.	tall vervain
<i>Verbena litoralis</i> var. <i>brevibracteata</i> (Kuntze) N. O'Leary	Brazil vervain
<i>Wisteria floribunda</i> (Willd.) DC.	Japanese wisteria



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