



# Top 12 Invasive Species

There are many invasive species in northwest Michigan, both aquatic and terrestrial. ISN prioritizes them based on their habitat impact and management feasibility. The species featured on this list are the terrestrial plants that are already established in our region which are at a higher risk to harm our regional ecology. They are prioritized in messaging, outreach, and - when possible - control efforts by ISN and many of our partners.

Those with an \* by their name are illegal to move, trade, sell, or share in Michigan.



Shaun Howard

**Baby's Breath**  
*Gypsophila paniculata*



Emily Cook

Leslie Mehrhoff

**Barberry, Japanese and common**  
*Berberis thunbergii*  
*Berberis vulgaris*



Kristian Peters

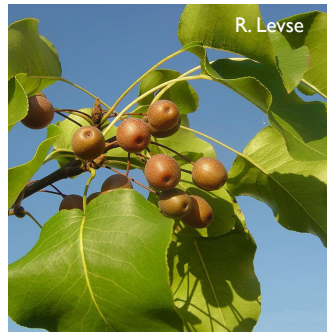
**Blue lyme grass**  
*Leymus arenarius*



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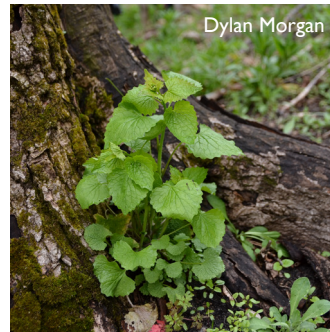
Gary Fewless

**Buckthorn, glossy and common**  
*Frangula alnus*  
*Rhamnus cathartica*



R. Levse

**Callery pear (Bradford and Cleveland)**  
*Pyrus calleryana* varieties and hybrids



Dylan Morgan

**Garlic mustard**  
*Aliaria petiolata*



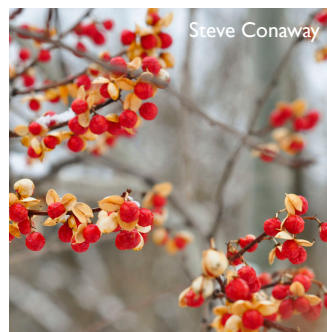
Frankenstoën

**Invasive honeysuckles**  
Many, *Lonicera* spp.



Tom Heutte

**\*Knotweeds - Japanese, giant, and bohemian**  
*Reynoutria japonica*, *R. sachalinensis*, *R. x bohemica*



Steve Conaway

**Oriental bittersweet**  
*Celastrus orbiculatus*



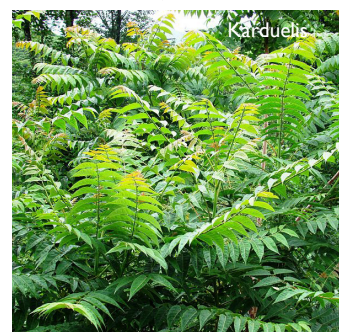
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**\*Invasive phragmites**  
*Phragmites australis*



John Byrd

**\*Purple loosestrife**  
*Lythrum salicaria*



Karduelis

**Tree-of-Heaven**  
*Ailanthus altissima*

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