



ISN's "Top 20" Invasive Plants

ISN partners determined the Top 20 Least Wanted for northwest lower Michigan based on collective experience managing some of the regions most valued natural areas. The Top 20 represent the greatest invasive plant threats established in the region, the management of which helps preserve our natural heritage for future generations to enjoy. Invasive species that did not make the Top 20 list should still be considered threatening, especially those which are not yet established in the area.

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1. "Focus 4" These species can cause the most harm or and/or are still rare enough in our natural areas that we can make lots of progress in managing them. They are often ISN's primary focus within the Top 20.

Common Name	Latin Name	Form
Garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Forb
Oriental bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Vine
Japanese & giant knotweeds*	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum/P. sachileniense</i>	Forb
Invasive <i>Phragmites</i>	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Grass

* Banned in the State of Michigan pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 451 of 1994, Section 324.41301.

2. The Rest of the Top 20 The plants below represent the greatest invasive plant threats established in the region.

Common Name	Latin Name	Form
Japanese barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Shrub
Bull*, Canada & European swamp thistles	<i>Cirsium vulgare/C. arvense/C. palustre</i>	Forb
Autumn & Russian olives	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata/angustifolia</i>	Shrub
Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Forb
Glossy buckthorn	<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Shrub
Baby's breath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	Forb
Blue lyme grass	<i>Leymus arenarius</i>	Grass
Invasive honeysuckles	<i>Lonicera spp.</i>	Shrub
Purple loosestrife*	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Forb
Wild parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	Forb
Reed canary grass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Grass
Multiflora rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Shrub
Common buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Shrub

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