

INVASIVE PLANTS FOUND IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Trees

Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
Mimosa (*Albizia julibrissin*)
Princess Tree (*Paulownia tomentosa*)
Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)

Shrubs

Leatherleaf Mahonia (*Berberis bealei*)
Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
Butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*)
Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)
Thorny olive (*Elaeagnus pungens*)
Autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)
Burning bush (*Euonymus alata*)
Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)
Sacred bamboo (*Nandina domestica*)
Trifoliolate orange (*Poncirus trifoliata*)***
Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*)
Japanese spirea (*Spiraea japonica* var. *fortune*)

Vines

Chocolate vine (*Akebia quinata*)***
Porcelain berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)
Bushkiller (*Cayratia japonica*)***
Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)
Sweet Autumn Virgin Bower (*Clematis terniflora*)
Air potato (*Dioscorea bulbifera*)***
Winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei* var. *radicans*)
English ivy (*Hedera helix*)
Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*)
Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*)
Mile-a-minute vine (*Persicaria perfoliate*)***
Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*)
Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*)
Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*)

Herbaceous Plants

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolate*)
Small carpetgrass (*Arthraxon hispidus*)
Giant reed (*Arundo donax*)***
Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
Fig buttercup (*Ficaria verna*)
Ground ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*)
Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)***
Cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica*)***
Yellowflag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)
Bicolor/shrub lespedeza (*Lespedeza bicolor*)
Chinese lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneate*)
Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)***
Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*)
Chinese silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*)
Marsh Dewflower (*Murdannia keisak*)
Reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)
Golden bamboo (*Phyllostachys aurea*)
Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*)
Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*)
Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*)
Purple Crownvetch (*Securigera varia*)
Coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*)

This list of invasive species was prepared with information from the NC Invasive Plant Council (<http://nc-ipc.weebly.com/>) and EDDMapS (<https://www.eddmaps.org/>). These organizations are excellent resources for invasive species.

*** denotes invasive species that are a future threat or have only been found in a few occurrences in the NC mountains. If you find a plant that you suspect is invasive, please report it to NC Dept. of Agriculture by calling 1-800-206-9333 or by email: newpest@ncagr.gov.

Please contact the state trails program if you have any questions about state trails.



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