

Invasive Plant Mapping: I can do all that on my phone?



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CISEH



- ❧ Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health
 - ❧ Bugwood Network 1994-2008
 - ❧ CISEH Feb 2008
- ❧ Began as an image database...
- ❧ Now:
 - ❧ Aggregate distribution data (Invasive species and Biocontrol)
 - ❧ BugwoodVideo
 - ❧ BugwoodWiki
 - ❧ Provide web hosting and build tools to make data, images, videos, and information available
 - ❧ Community of Practice for eXtension

EDDMapS



- ❧ Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System
- ❧ Web based electronic reporting and distribution mapping
- ❧ Invasive species mapping
- ❧ Biological control agent release mapping
- ❧ Mapping Nationwide
 - ❧ Expanding into Canada
- ❧ Host websites for regional mapping projects

EDDMapS Purpose



- ❧ Electronic Early Detection Tool
- ❧ Aggregate Data
 - ❧ Homeowners
 - ❧ Trained volunteers
 - ❧ Federal and State Agencies
- ❧ Identify Existing Range, Gaps, and Leading Edge in Maps

The screenshot displays the EDDMapS web interface. At the top, there is a map of Georgia with a green overlay. Below the map, there is a text box with the following content:

Why Should I care about invasive species?
Below are several links which explain why you should care about invasive species. "Why should I care about invasive species?"

Any species that is introduced to a new area can cause human health, The associated flora and fauna are at risk.

This definition is based on the "Invasive Species Paper", submitted to the Invasive Species Committee (ISAC).

Where Do They Come From?
Species which have been introduced to our own. Many from South America, Asia, and Europe.

How Did They Get Here?
Some species were introduced in shipping containers. Others were brought here intentionally. We rely on non-native plants for their usefulness in feed and forage.

Why Should I care about invasive species?
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- ✓ I am a logger or forester. Why should I care about invasive species?
- ✓ I am a hunter. Why should I care about invasive species?
- ✓ I am a hiker, biker, camper or boater. Why should I care about invasive species?
- ✓ I am a gardener. Why should I care about invasive species?
- ✓ I am a fisherman or boater. Why should I care about invasive species?
- ✓ I am a bird watcher. Why should I care about invasive species?
- ✓ I am a rancher or farmer. Why should I care about invasive species?
- ✓ Why should I care about cog

At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a map of Georgia with county-level data. The map is titled "PLANTS Database" and "LOJA".

EDDMapS Tools



- Local and National Distribution Maps
- Identification and Management
- Invasive Species Mapping
 - Plants – Nationwide
 - Animals – Florida
- Biocontrol Release Maps

The screenshot displays the EDDMapS BIOCONTROL website interface. At the top, the logo reads "EDDMapS BIOCONTROL" with the tagline "Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System Biological Control of Invasive Plants". A user greeting says "Welcome: Rebekah Wallace, University of Georgia" with a "Logout" link. The main heading is "mimosa *Albizia julibrissin* Durazz." Below this, it says "Distribution Maps: County / Southeast / Points on Google Maps". The central feature is a map of the United States where the eastern half (from the Mississippi River eastward) is highlighted in green, indicating the distribution area for the species. State abbreviations are visible on the map. At the bottom of the map, there are navigation icons and a "Save as JPG" button. The footer of the page includes "Tennessee Exotic Pest Plant Council" and "Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, 2009".

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Select State to Report Invasive Species Occurrence



Save as JPG flashmaps

U.S. States

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas

Massachusetts

- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri

Tennessee

- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia

Caribbean Countries

- Bahamas
- Dominican Republic
- Jamaica
- St. Lucia

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Report an Invasive Species Occurrence

Please provide as much information about the sighting as possible.

Species:

Begin typing scientific or common name and then select species from dropdown.
If the pest is not listed or is unknown, type and choose "unlisted plant" or "unknown plant" from the list and describe the plant in the Comments section below.

Pest:

Infestation:

Observation Date: (?)

Infested Area: (?)

Gross Area: (?)

Habitat: (?)

Canopy Closure: (?)

Abundance/Density:

Plant Description: Mature Sapling/Immature Seedling/Rosette In Flower In Fruit Seeds Dormant/Dead Unknown

Location:

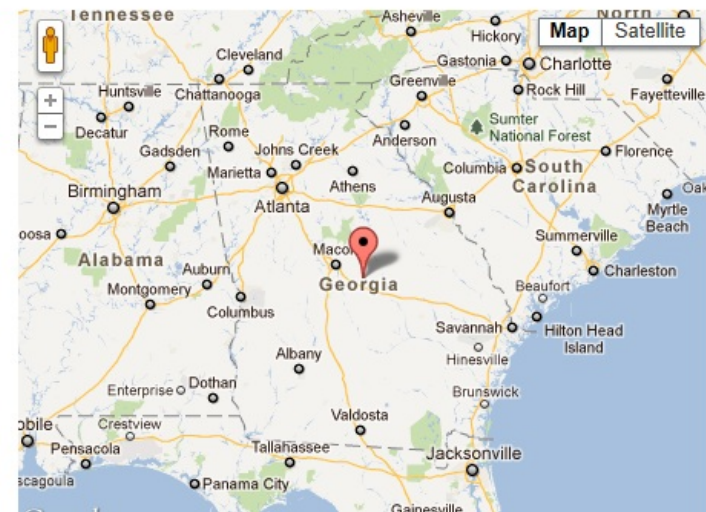
Specify the location where you observed the pest, by first selecting the county from the dropdown. Then move the marker on the map to the correct location. If you move across county lines the new county will be displayed. You can also enter the lat/long in the fields below and then click the "Jump to Point" button.

County:

Latitude:
Must be expressed in Decimal Degrees (XX.XXXX) and DATUM NAD83/WGS84.

Longitude:
Must be expressed in Decimal Degrees (XX.XXXX) and DATUM NAD83/WGS84.

Location Description:



Site Name:

Marker status: Click and drag the marker.

Ownership: (?)
* If reporting infestation on private land, be sure to have landowner's permission.

Lat/Long Conversion Tools:

Upload Images with Your Report:

For verification purposes, take at least two digital images, a close up of the species and one of the site.

Image: (.jpg, < 4 mb)
Caption:
(provide as much detail as possible, include credit if image is not yours)

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Additional Information:

Comments:

Identified by: (if you didn't identify)

Voucher Specimen Made: Yes No

Herbarium holding specimen:

Smartphone Trend



Apps and Mobile Websites can be used to replace many tools

Smartphones have

- Camera
- GPS
- Browser
- Applications

Eliminates

- Pen, Paper, Clipboard
- GPS Unit
- ID guides/books
- Camera
- Later Computer use
 - “Double Effort”

EDDMapS Mobile



- ☞ Can be accessed by most smartphones
- ☞ Mobile website for Reporting
- ☞ Identification information accessible
- ☞ Access to “My EDDMapS”



EDDMapS

Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System

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Report Sightings

Distribution Maps

Species Information

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Select Region/State to Report an Invasive Species Occurrence



**Southeast Exotic
Pest Plant Council**



**Florida Invasive
Species Partnership**



**Missouri River
Watershed Coalition**



**Mid-Atlantic Early
Detection Network**

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Select State to Report an Invasive Species Occurrence

Delaware

Maryland

New Jersey

New York

Pennsylvania

Virginia

Detecting your location...

**“http://mobile.eddmaps.org”
Would Like To Use Your
Current Location**

Don't Allow **OK**

mobile.eddmaps.org/r... 

Location found using W3C standard
31.465801919999997
-83.48604126999999
Tift, Georgia, USA

Continue

Where Are You? - EDDMapS Mobile

mobile.eddmaps.org/r... Google

Map Satellite Hybrid Terrain



Marker status: Click and drag the marker.

Current position:

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Save Location

EDD **MapS**

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Select Species

Common Name

Scientific Name

Abrus precatorius

Abutilon theophrasti

Acacia auriculiformis

Acacia mearnsii

Acacia melanoxylon

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Report an Invasive Species Occurrence

Species:
tree-of-heaven
Ailanthus altissima

Observation Date:
07/31/2011

Infested Area

Infested Area

Select One

Gross Area

Select One

Habitat

Select One

Canopy Closure

Select One

Select One

Save your images and upload them from you computer

Comments:

Report

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Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System

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Thank You for Your Submission to EDDMapS.

You report has been forwarded to your state and/or county verifier for review. Your report will display on EDDMapS as "Not Verified" until it is reviewed.

Your Record ID is [1816977](#)

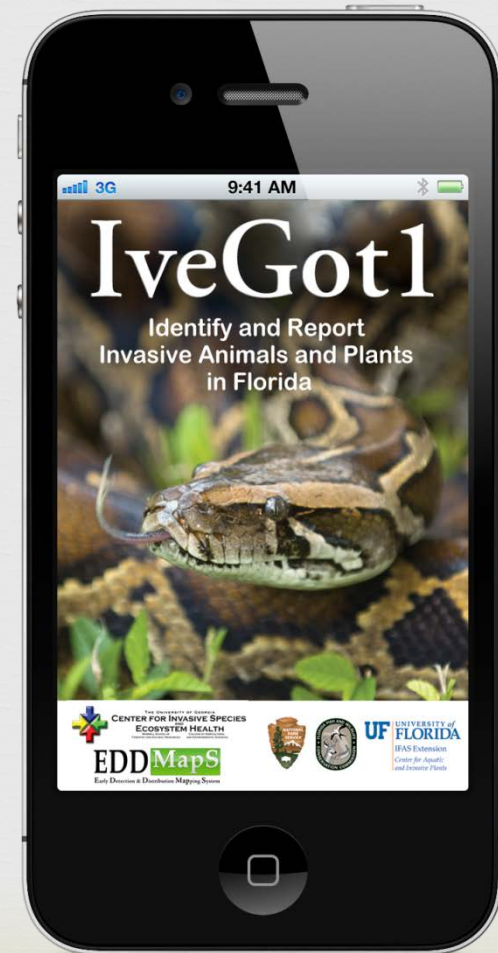
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IveGot1 iPhone App




- Developed by CISEH in cooperation with National Park Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and University of Florida
- Non-native animals and native look-alikes
- Non-native plant and animal reporting

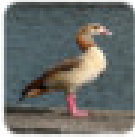


Report an Animal

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Giant African land snail
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African redhead agama
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Agkistrodon piscivorus
Cottonmouth
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Egyptian geese
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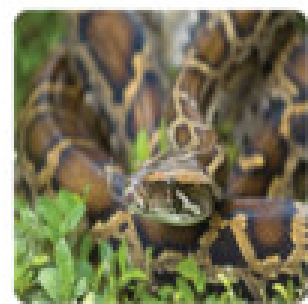
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South American ground lizard
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Amia calva
Bowfin
- 

Anolis equestris equestris
Knight anole

Back

Information



Burmese python

Python molurus ssp. bivittatus

Status: Nonnative, Invasive

Length: Maximum length 25 feet

Body: Not as stout as other python species

Pattern: Network of dark blotches along back and sides (like the pattern of a giraffe); blotches are irregular, not net-like, diamond-

Common boa

Boa constrictor

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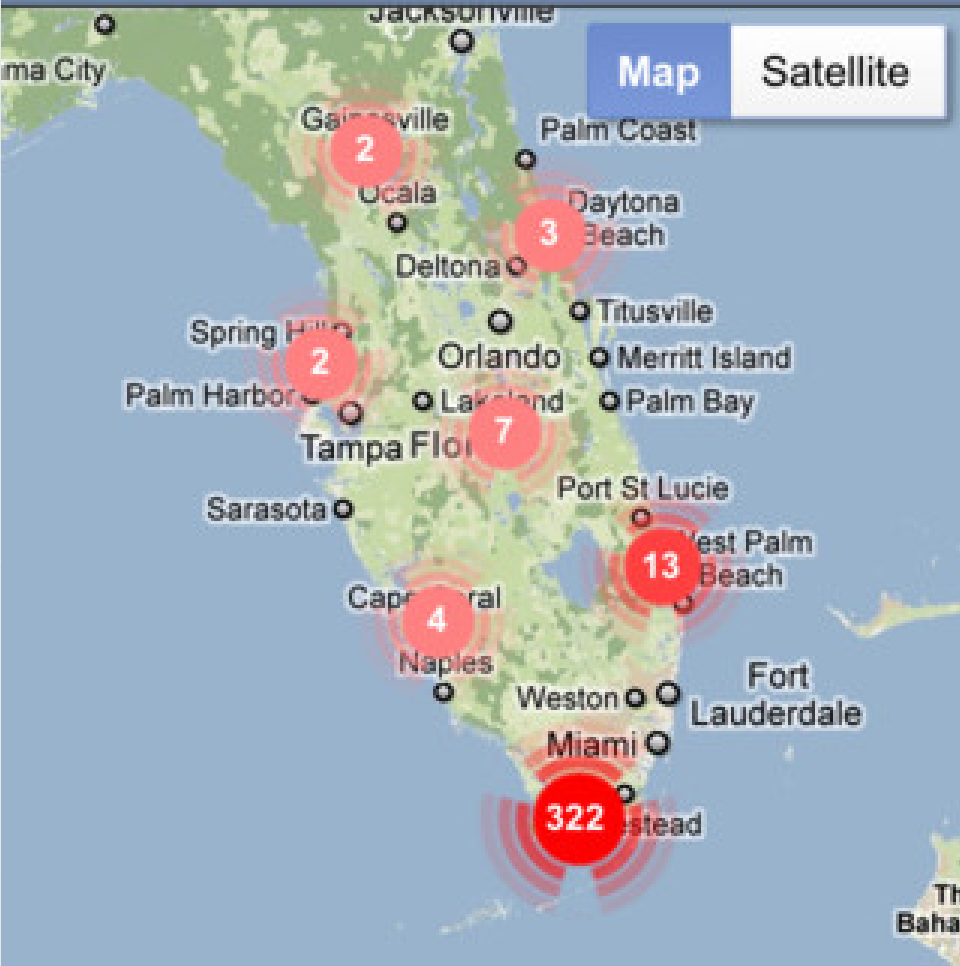


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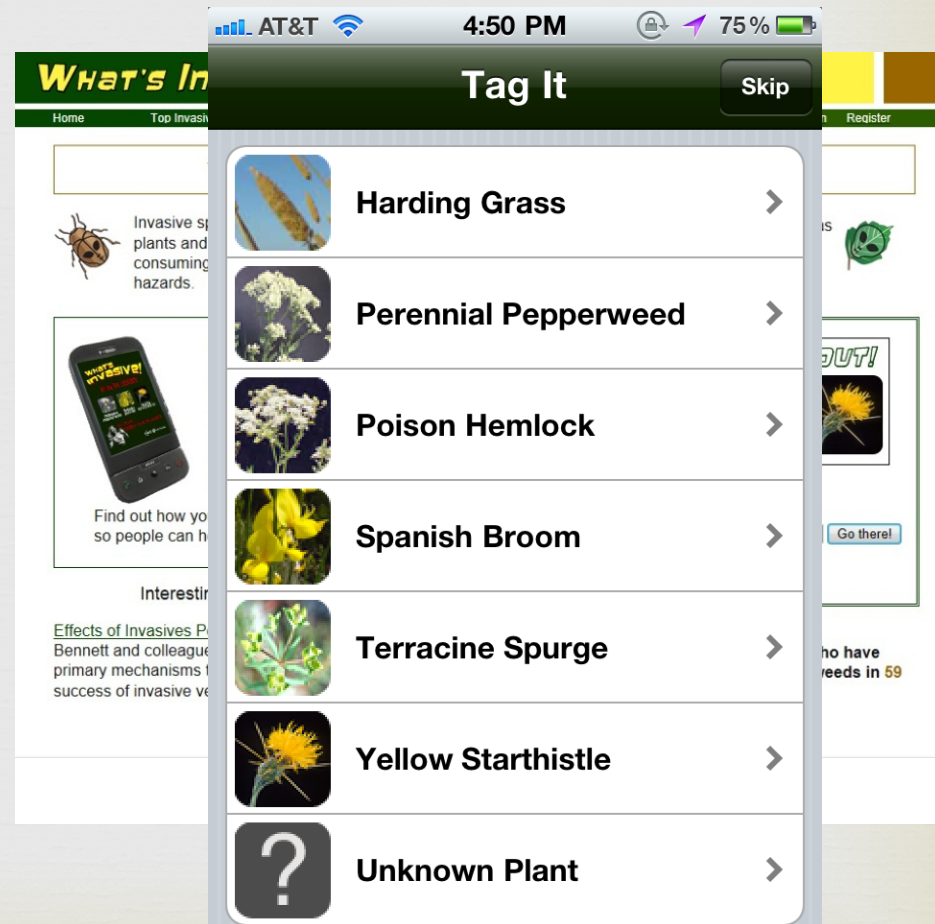


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What's Invasive - App



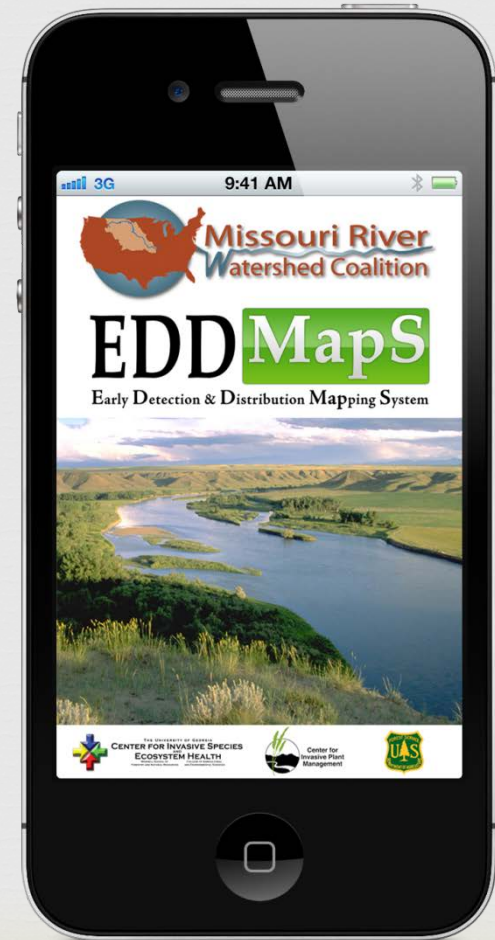
- Website integration
 - Data aggregated into EDDMapS
 - CISEH hosting website
- Site based reporting
- Non-Native Animal and Plant reporting
- iPhone App
- Android App




MRWC – iPhone App





- ❧ Missouri River Watershed Coalition
- ❧ Covers specific states
 - ❧ MRWC states
 - ❧ CO, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY
 - ❧ Partner States
 - ❧ ID, NV, OR, UT, WA, MO
- ❧ New or potential invaders
- ❧ Reporting and maps for those states
- ❧ Alerts coordinators for those states





Report a Plant


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Alhagi pseudalhagi
Camelthorn
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Alliaria petiolata
Garlic mustard
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Butomus umbellatus
Flowering rush
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Centaurea solstitialis
Yellow starthistle
- 

Centaurea virgata
Squarrose knapweed
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Chondrilla juncea
Rush skeletonweed
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Crupina vulgaris
Common crupina

Back

Garlic mustard



Garlic mustard

Alliaria petiolata






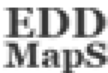


Also Known As / Hedge garlic, poor man's mustard, garlic root, garlic wort, mustard root

General Description / Garlic mustard is a biennial herb that is native to Europe. It can quickly form dense stands that displace native plants and wildlife, and produces allelopathic compounds that inhibit the growth of other species. Garlic mustard often grows alongside similar looking plants but can be

Garlic mustard



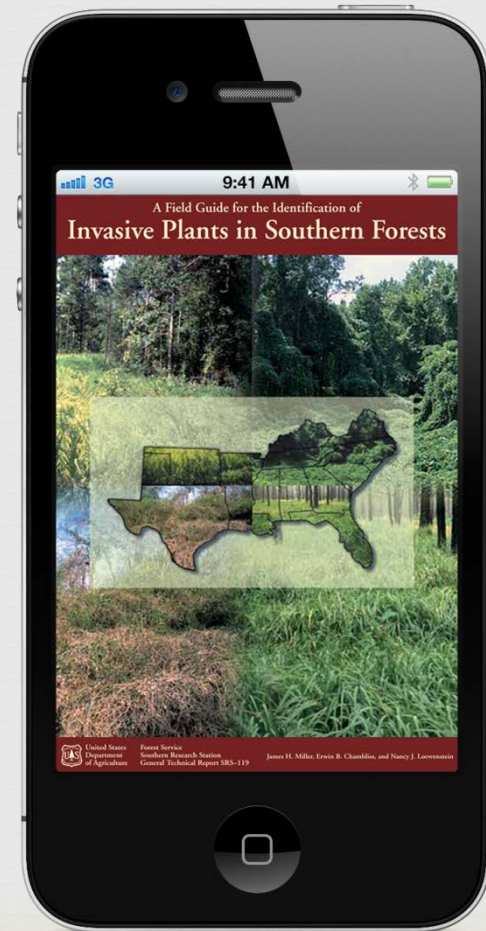
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Invasive Plants in Southern Forests



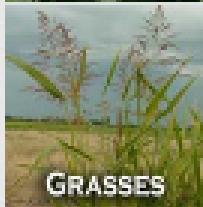
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- ☞ Links to the EDDMapS Mobile distribution maps
- ☞ Reporting will be added



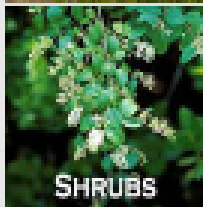
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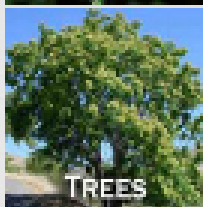
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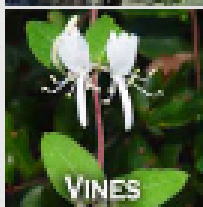
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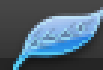
Shrubs



Trees



Vines



Invasive Plants

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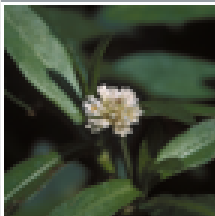
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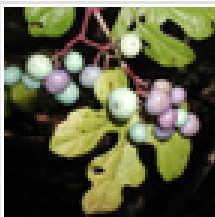
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Alligatorweed

Alternanthera philoxeroides



Amur Peppervine

Ampelopsis brevipedunculata



Autumn Olive

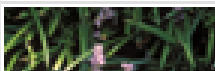
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Bamboos

Phyllostachys aurea



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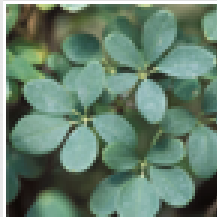


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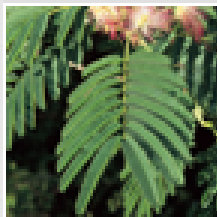
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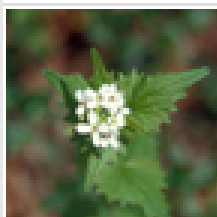
Ailanthus altissima
Tree-of-Heaven



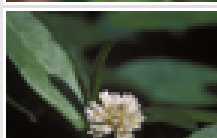
Akebia quinata
Chocolate Vine



Albizia julibrissin
Mimosa



Alliaria petiolata
Garlic Mustard



Alternanthera philoxeroides
Alligatorweed

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Glossy and Japanese Privet
Ligustrum spp.



Privet
Ligustrum spp.

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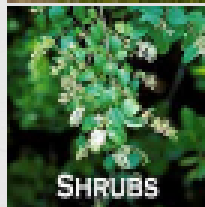
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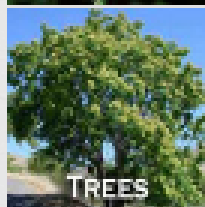
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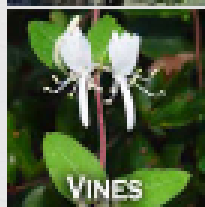
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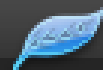
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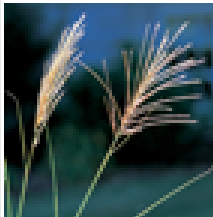
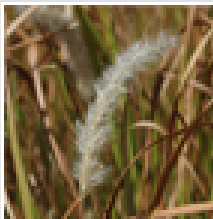
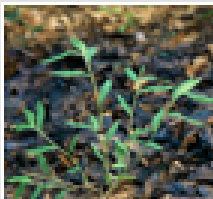
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**Bamboos***Phyllostachys aurea***Chinese Silvergrass***Miscanthus sinensis***Cogongrass***Imperata cylindrica***Giant Reed***Arundo donax***Japanese Stiltgrass***Microstegium vimineum*

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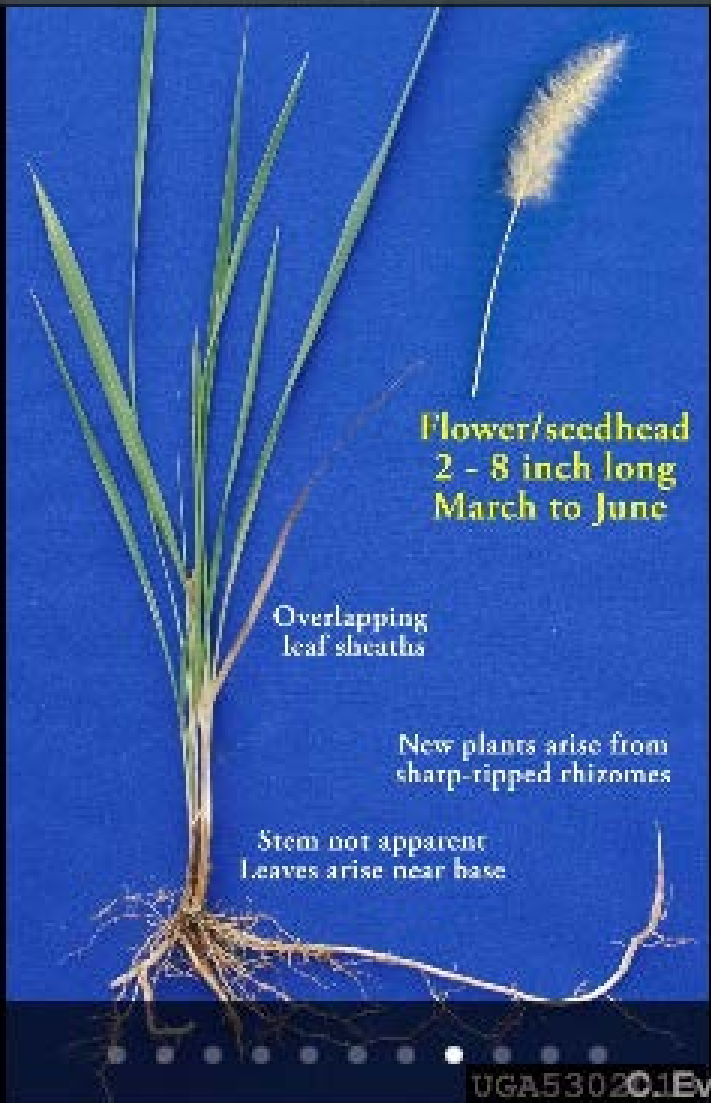
Distribution



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Grasses and Canes

Cogongrass





Cogongrass

Imperata cylindrica

Plant

Aggressive, colony-forming dense perennial grass 1 to 6 feet (30 to 150 cm) in height, often leaning in mats when over 3 feet (90 cm) in height. Stemless tufts of long leaves, blades yellow green, with off-center midveins. Silver-plumed flower and seed heads in late winter (south) through early summer (north). Plants arising from branching sharp-tipped white-scaly rhizomes. Federal noxious weed.



Images



Information



Control



Distribution



Report

Management strategies

Do not plant the red-tipped cultivars (Japanese bloodgrass and Red Baron). Remove prior plantings, and control sprouts and seedlings.

Treat when new plants are young and located through frequent surveillance of lands in infested zones.

Minimize disturbance within miles of where this plant occurs, and anticipate wider occupation when plants are present or adjacent before disturbance.

Repeated cultivation and planting of



Recommended control procedures

Thoroughly wet all leaves with one of the following herbicides in water with a surfactant when grass is actively growing and at least 1 to 2 feet high or older growth from June to September:

Chopper Gen2* as a 2-percent solution (8 ounces per 3-gallon mix) or Arsenal AC* as a 1-percent solution (4 ounces per 3-gallon mix). Repeat applications in subsequent years may be required for eradication. A glyphosate herbicide may be tank mixed as a 2- to 5-percent solution with Chopper Gen2* at 2 percent (8 ounces per 3-gallon mix) or Arsenal



Distribution

Found throughout FL, GA, AL, and MS with scattered infestations in SC, east TX, and LA. The current distribution can be checked at www.cogongrass.org.

[EDDMapS Distribution](#)



Invasive Plant Reporting

Reporting to EDDMapS is not enabled in this version of the App. It will be available in future releases.

EDDMapS

EDDMapS is a web-based mapping system for documenting invasive species distribution. It is fast, easy to use and doesn't require Geographic Information Systems experience. Launched in 2005 by the Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health at the University of Georgia, it was originally designed as a tool for state Exotic Pest Plant Councils to develop more complete distribution



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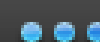
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About

A Field Guide for the Identification of Invasive Plants in Southern Forests

Introduction

Invasions of nonnative plants into southern forests continue to go largely unchecked and only partially monitored. Small forest openings, forest road right-of-ways, and areas under and beside forest canopies are often occupied by invasive nonnative plants. These infestations increasingly erode forest productivity, hindering forest use and management activities, degrading diversity and wildlife habitat. Often called nonnative, exotic, nonindigenous, alien, or noxious

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Other Plants

Other Nonnative Plants Invading Southern Forests and Their Margins, Openings, Waterway Margins, Wetlands, and Stream, River, and Lake Banks

(species on the Federal Noxious Weed List are denoted by "FED")

Invasive Trees

Common Name:	Scientific Name:
Earleaf acacia (FL only)	<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> A. Cunn. ex Benth.
Amur maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i> Maxim.
Norway maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i> L.
Woman's tongue (FL and TX only)	<i>Albizia lebbek</i> (L.) Benth.
Deviltree (FL only)	<i>Alstonia macrophylla</i> Wall. ex G. Don
Edible fig	<i>Ficus carica</i> L.
Chinese parasoltree	<i>Firmiana simplex</i> (L.) W. Wight
Paradise apple	<i>Malus pumila</i> Mill.
Melaleuca (FL and LA only) FED	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> (Cav.) Blake
White mulberry	<i>Morus alba</i> L.
Japanese black pine	<i>Pinus thunbergii</i> Parl.
White poplar	<i>Populus alba</i> L.
Lombardy poplar	<i>Populus nigra</i> L.
Sweet cherry	<i>Prunus avium</i> (L.) L.
Cherry plum (TN only)	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> Ehrh.
Sour cherry	<i>Prunus cerasus</i> L.
European plum (TX only)	<i>Prunus domestica</i> L.
Cherry laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> L.
Perfumed cherry, Maheleb	<i>Prunus mahaleb</i> L.
Sawtooth oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i> Carruthers
Rose myrtle (FL only)	<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosus</i> (Aiton) Hassk.
Octopus tree, schefflera (FL only)	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i> (Endl.) Harms
Peruvian peppertree (TX and FL only)	<i>Schinus molle</i> L.
Java plum	<i>Syzygium cumini</i> (L.) Skeels
African tamarisk (TX, LA, and SC)	<i>Tamarix africana</i> Poir.
Russian tamarisk	<i>Tamarix aralensis</i> Willd.



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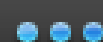
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achene: a small, dry, nonsplitting fruit with a single seed, common to grasses, asters, and nut-rushes.

acute tip: terminating in a sharp or well-defined point, with more or less straight sides.

allelopathic: referring to a plant known to emit chemicals that retard the growth or seed germination of associated plants.

alternate leaves: one leaf at each node and alternating on sides of the stem or their points of attachment forming a spiral up the stem.

annual: a plant that germinates, flowers, produces seed, and dies within one growing season.

anthers: the pollen-producing portion of the stamen or male reproductive part of a flower.

appressed: lying close to or flattened against.

arbor: vine entanglement within the crowns of shrubs or trees.

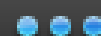
ascending: tending to grow upward, slightly leaning to somewhat erect.

asymmetric: not identical on both sides of a central line.

axil: the angle formed between two structures, such as between a leaf and the stem.

axillary: located in an axil or angle.

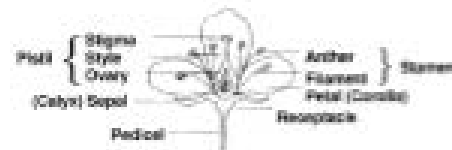
berry: a fleshy or pulpy fruit from a single ovary with one to many embedded seeds, such as tomato and grape.

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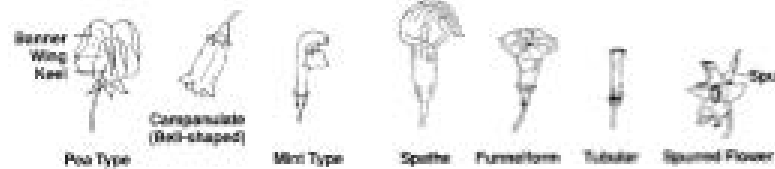
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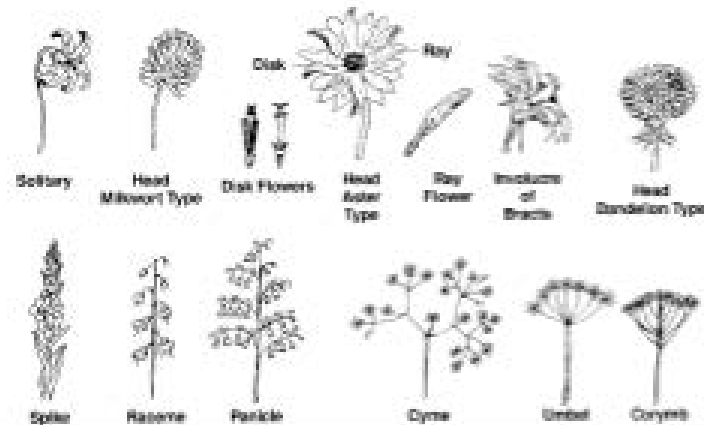
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