

Resources & Links

Invasive plant prevention and management

Are you a concerned citizen? Landowner? Forester? Conservation commission member? Check out these new resources in the digital downloads below!

- **Best Management Practices for the Prevention and Treatment of Terrestrial Invasive Plants in Vermont Woodlands**

Available digitally in the Resource hub, by Chapter. Search for the following resource names.

The following resources are useful to any forester, land manager, or landowner interested in prevention and management.

- Tool 1 A Landowner's Guide to Invasive Plant Field Assessment
- Tool 2 A Forester's Guide to Incorporating Invasive Plant Assessments into UVA Management Plans
- Tool 3 A Landowner's Guide to Seeking Funding from the Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Tool 4 Invasive Plant Treatment Methods
- Tool 5 Invasive Plant Contractor's Guide to Invasive Plant Field Assessment and Cost Proposal Development
- Tool 6 Weed Management Plan Template
- Tool 7 Guidelines for Site Restoration
- Tool 8 Property Summary Assessment
- Invasive Plant Management Plan Template

Invasives outreach project how-to guide

For downloadable resources that you can use to start an outreach program (volunteer reporting form, press release templates, project ideas, etc.) check out the Resource hub and the "Get Involved" Section on www.vtinvasives.org.

Northeast Resources

[New England Wildflower Society](#) offers books, workshops, and web-based resources to help design native plant gardens. They have beautiful display gardens, a nursery and retail shop. This site also offers an excellent, informative and attractive downloadable brochure, which includes an invasives overview and identification guide.

[Invasive Plant Atlas of New England](#). (IPANE) provides trainings, outreach materials, and useful data on invasive terrestrial plants.

[Master Gardeners of Vermont](#) is a fantastic resource for gardening education and information. Contact them at 1-800-639-2230,

[Vermont Agency of Agriculture's](#) site on regulated invasive plants in Vermont is helpful for understanding the regulation of invasive plants.

[Vermont Agency of Agriculture](#) provides pesticide certification and maintains a list of contractors.

[USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Vermont Office](#) provides some funding for invasive plant treatment on private lands through its Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) and Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

[New York Invasive Species Clearinghouse](#) is a comprehensive website - worth a look-see.

National Resources

[Center for Invasive Species Management \(CISM\)](#) provides information on invasive plant identification, biology, and impacts of invasive species. It also includes links to a resource guide, weed control methods, and invasive plant management online textbook.

[Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health](#) includes invasive species fact sheets, information on controlling invasives and a wide variety of invasive exotic species information.

[A Guide to Non-native Invasive Plants Inventoried in the North by Forest Inventory and Analysis](#), by Cassandra Olson and Anita Cholewa. USDA/Forest Service, 2009.

Invasive Plants: Weeds of the Global Garden, This book is a great primer on invasives. Includes a good introduction as well as species specific pages. Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1996

[Midwest Invasive Plant Network](#) includes information on developing Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMA). They also produce a pocket-sized field guide, *Invasive Plants: Eastern North America*.

[National Invasive Species Council](#) provides links to a variety of federal sites.

[Plant Conservation Alliance \(PCA\)](#) provides a list of invasive plants in the U.S., background information on the threats and impacts of invasive species, fact sheets, and relevant links

[Society for Ecological Restoration](#) provides substantial information on designing a valid restoration project, including one focused on invasives management.

[USDA Forest Service Invasive Species Program—Control and Management](#) This page provides links for more information on research, management planning, forest service activities, and pest-specific control and management. It also includes the video, *Dangerous Travelers: Controlling Invasive Plants along America's Roadsides*. This video outlines the best management practices that road crews should be following in their day-to-day operations. This is the first in a series on "Best Management Practices for Invasive Species Prevention."

[USDA Plants Database](#) houses fact sheets, distribution maps, and photos, and extensive information on native and non-native flora in the United States.

[Weed Control Methods Handbook: Tools and Techniques for Use in Natural Areas](#). M. C. Hurd, and J.M. Randall. 2001. The Nature Conservancy.

Planting with Alternatives and Natives

The Vermont **Agency of Natural Resources Division of Water Quality** publishes a [Guide to Native Plant Nurseries](#), listing dozens of sources of native plants.

[Find Native Plants](#) The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center has a nifty tool recommends native plants by region and state.

[Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in our Gardens](#), by Douglas W. Tallamy. Timber Press, 2007 provides a compelling case for why planting natives helps restore insect diversity and ecosystems.

Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East, by C. Summers. Rutgers University Press, 2010. This is a great companion book to Doug Tallamy's *Bringing Nature Home*. Written by a landscape designer, it is compelling and fun to read!

Growing and Propagating Wildflowers of the United States and Canada, by W. Cullina, New England Wildflower Society, 2000. This book is a lively read with extensive descriptions of native plants to consider growing in the garden.

Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2006. This book offers a nice selection of alternatives to commonly planted invasives, including barberry, burning bush and Norway maple.

Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening and Conservation, by Donald J. Leopold. Timber Press, 2005. This book provides a thorough overview of native perennials, trees and shrubs to consider planting in the Northeast. ***Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines: A Guide to Using, Growing, and Propagating North American Woody Plants***, by W. Cullina. New England Wildflower Society, 2002. This book is a lively read with extensive descriptions of native plants to consider growing in the garden.

Trees, Shrubs, and Vines for Attracting Birds: A Manual for the Northeast, by R. DeGraaf. University of Massachusetts Press, 2002. This book includes extensive information on species to plant for attracting birds.

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