

Invasive Plant Management Online Resources

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Mapping Resources:

- <http://www.newinvaders.org> - This is a well established program in NE Illinois looking for new invasive species to the region. A great resource, especially if you work in that region.
- <http://www.eddmaps.org> – This site has distribution maps for Illinois and the entire US both by county and point-mapping. This site does a good job of compiling everyone's data to make the maps updated and closer to reality. You can enter new records into this system to help fill out the gaps.

Control Information:

- <http://mipncontroldatabase.wisc.edu/> - This website, from the University of Wisconsin and the Midwest Invasive Plant Network, gives information on control techniques for invasive plants. You can also upload your own stories or experiences into the system. This is one of the first places to check for control information.
- http://dnr.state.il.us/inpc/management_guidelines.htm - The INHS Vegetation Management Guidelines are the standard for control information for natural area invaders. This is a reference that every invasive species manager in Illinois should have bookmarked.
- http://rtrcwma.org/Management_SILinvasiveplants.pdf - The River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area produced this management guide as a companion to their field ID guide. This publication gives good information on control for over 20 species and is useful throughout the state.
- http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/pubs/gtr/gtr_srs131.pdf - *A Management Guide for Invasive Plants in Southern Forests*. This guide, developed by the US Forest Service gives great basic information on controlling invasive plant species and gives detailed recommendations for 53 invasive plant species.

Spread Prevention:

- <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/invasives/> - *Invasive Species Best Management Practices*. This series of BMP guides focus on practices you can implement to prevent spreading invasive plants around, including sections specific to Transportation and Rights-of-Way, Forestry, and Recreation. It is extremely well done and a great resource.
- <http://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/pdf/05511203.pdf> - *Vehicle Cleaning Technology for controlling the Spread of Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species*. This publication from the US Forest Service gives great information about technologies and equipment to use to clean equipment and remove seeds and other plant material.
- <http://mipn.org/publications.html> - Links to lots of publications from the Midwest Invasive Plant Network, including a guide to Landscape Alternatives for Invasive Plants of the Midwest.

Identification:

- <http://www.illinoisinvasives.org> – This is the website for the Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month. It gives lists of invasive species in Illinois as well as links to pictures and more information. A great place to start when looking into which species are in the area
- <http://illinoisiam.blogspot.com/2012/12/new-publication-available.html> - *Field Guide to the Identification of Japanese Stiltgrass with Comparisons to Other Look-a-Like Species*. This guide gives detailed information and full color images on how to distinguish Japanese Stiltgrass, an invader rapidly moving through Illinois, with look-a-like species
- <http://www.rtrcwma.org/SILinvasiveplants.pdf> - *Invasive Plants of Southern Illinois*. This field guide was produced by the River to River CWMA but many of the species treated within the guide can be found throughout the state.
- <http://wiki.bugwood.org/Archive:IPSF> – *A Field Guide to the Identification of Invasive Plants in Southern Forests*. This book, developed by the US Forest Service gives very detailed information on how to identify 53 different invasive species. While a few of these only occur south of Illinois, many of them can be found within the state
- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/72766.html> - Giant Hogweed Identification with comparisons to cow parsnip