# VIRGINIA INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES LIST

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 2024**

The list is for educational purposes only and has no regulatory authority. Per Virginia Code §10.1-104.6:2, the Virginia Invasive Plant Species List is periodically reviewed and updated. List updates require adherence to a specific invasives species risk assessment protocol developed by DCR. DCR routinely conducts data analysis and assessments for existing species and reviews potential list additions.



The Virginia Invasive Plant Species List comprises species that are established — or may become established — in Virginia, cause economic and ecological harm, and present ongoing management issues.

To be included on the list, there must be demonstrable evidence that a species poses a threat to Virginia's forests, native grasslands, wetlands or waterways. Under the DCR Invasive Species Assessment Protocol, approved by the Virginia Invasive Species Working Group, January 2024, species were ranked as exhibiting **high**, **medium** or **low** levels of invasiveness based on their threat to natural communities and native species.

#### Invasiveness rank is higher for species that:

- Alter ecosystem processes, such as succession, hydrology or fire regime.
- Are capable of invading undisturbed natural communities.
- Cause substantial impacts on rare or vulnerable species or natural communities or high-quality examples of more common communities.
- Are found widely distributed and generally abundant where present.
- · Disperse readily to new areas.
- Are difficult to control.

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<sup>\*</sup> Early detection species





### **EARLY DETECTION SPECIES** The list

includes a subcategory of invasive plants that are considered early detection species. These are species not yet established or, if established, are not yet widespread in Virginia but known to be highly invasive in habitats similar to those found here. If discovered in Virginia, these species need to be quickly mapped, photographed and reported to DCR. The management goal for early detection species is eradication, as preventing the establishment and spread of newly arrived species will save valuable natural and economic resources.

**INFORMATION** For more information, or to report early detection species, contact DCR Stewardship Biologist Kevin Heffernan at kevin.heffernan@dcr.virginia.gov.

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Wavyleaf grass, Kerrie L. Kyde, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Bugwood.org.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Virginia Invasiveness Rank	Mountain	Piedmont	Coastal
Clematis terniflora	sweet autumn clematis	Medium	•	•	•
*Corydalis incisa	incised fumewort	Medium	•	•	•
Dipsacus fullonum	wild teasel	Medium	•	•	•
Egeria densa	Brazilian waterweed	Medium	•	•	•
Euonymus fortunei	winter creeper	Medium	•	•	•
Glechoma hederacea	gill-over-the-ground	Medium	•	•	•
Hedera helix	English ivy	Medium		•	•
*Heracleum mantegazzianum	giant hogweed	Medium	•	•	
Holcus lanatus	common velvet grass	Medium	•	•	•
Humulus japonicus	Japanese hops	Medium	•	•	•
*Ipomoea aquatica	water spinach	Medium	•	•	•
Ligustrum obtusifolium var. obtusifolium	border privet	Medium	•	•	•
Lonicera tatarica	tartarian honeysuckle	Medium	•	•	
Lysimachia nummularia	moneywort	Medium	•	•	•
*Mahonia bealei	leatherleaf mahonia	Medium	•	•	•
Miscanthus sinensis	Chinese silvergrass	Medium	•	•	•
Najas minor	brittle naiad	Medium	•	•	•
Paulownia tomentosa	royal paulowina	Medium	•	•	•
Persicaria longiseta	long-bristled smartweed	Medium	•	•	•
Phyllostachys aurea	golden bamboo	Medium	•	•	•
Poa compressa	flat-stemmed bluegrass	Medium	•	•	•
Poa trivialis ssp. trivialis	rough bluegrass	Medium	•	•	•
Potamogeton crispus	curled pondweed	Medium	•	•	•
Pyrus calleryana	callery pear	Medium	•	•	•
Rhodotypos scandens	jetbead	Medium	•	•	•
*Salvinia molesta	giant salvinia	Medium	•	•	•
*Solanum viarum	tropical soda apple	Medium		•	•
Spiraea japonica	Japanese spiraea	Medium	•	•	
Stellaria media	common chickweed	Medium	•	•	•
Veronica hederifolia	ivy-leaved speedwell	Medium	•	•	•
Viburnum dilatatum	linden arrow-wood	Medium		•	
Wisteria sinensis	Chinese wisteria	Medium	•	•	•
*Buddleja davidii	orange-eye butterfly-bush	Low	•	•	•
Commelina communis	Asiatic dayflower	Low	•	•	•
Elaeagnus pungens	thorny olive	Low	•	•	•
Lespedeza bicolor	shrubby bushclover	Low	•	•	•
Lonicera fragrantissima	winter honeysuckle	Low	•	•	•
Melia azedarach	chinaberry	Low		•	•
Morus alba	white mulberry	Low	•	•	•
Nandina domestica	nandina	Low	•	•	•
Perilla frutescens	beefsteak plant	Low	•	•	•
Phleum pratense	timothy 	Low	•	•	•
Populus alba	silver poplar	Low	•	•	•
Rumex crispus ssp. crispus	curly dock	Low	•	•	•
Securigera varia	crown-vetch	Low	•	•	•
Trapa natans	European water chestnut	Low			•
Ulmus pumila	Siberian elm	Low	•	•	
Vinca major	greater periwinkle	Low	•	•	•
Vinca minor	periwinkle	Low	•	•	•
Wisteria floribunda	Japanese wisteria	Low		•	•

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\* Early detection species

