

Indiana Invasive Plant List

List is separated aquatic/terrestrial then regulated vs unregulated, then growth form and Latin name

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For more information, go to: Indianainvasivespecies.org

FN= Federal Noxious

These species are listed as invasive in Indiana. The species listed below have been assessed to determine how invasive they are in the state of Indiana through a science-based, transparent approach that assigns points based on ecological impact, potential for expansion, and difficulty in management. The summed points are used to assign a ranking of high, medium, or low based on data at the time of the assessment.

High – These species are either regulated and prohibited from trade or will be evaluated for potential inclusion as a state regulated species in the future.

Medium – According to the current assessment the species did not accumulate enough points to warrant regulation in Indiana.

Low – The cumulative points for these species at the time of the assessment indicate less risk.

Caution – Indicates the assessment could not be completed due to lack of information, but there is potential for invasion and negative impacts in Indiana.

Note: Species are periodically reviewed utilizing updated research at which point rankings may shift. For further information about these rankings, contact the IISC.

Definitions (per Federal Executive Order 13751):

Invasive Species: with regard to a particular ecosystem, a non-native organism whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic, or environmental harm, or harm to human, animal or plant health.

Non-native Species or *Alien Species* : with regard to a particular ecosystem, an organism, including its eggs, seeds, spores, or other biological material capable of propagating that species that occurs outside of its natural range.

Native Species: with respect to a particular ecosystem, a species that, other than as a result of an introduction, historically occurred or currently occurs in that ecosystem.

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Aquatic Plants				
<i>Azolla pinnata</i>	mosquito fern	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	flowering rush	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Caulerpa taxifolia</i>	caulerpa	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Egeria densa</i>	Brazilian elodea	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Eichhornia azurea</i>	anchored water hyacinth	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	hydrilla	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	European frogbit	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Hygrophilia polysperma</i>	miramar weed	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i>	Chinese waterspinach	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow iris	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	oxygen weed	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i>	Asian marshweed	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	purple loosestrife	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-13
<i>Monochoria hastata</i>	monochoria	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Monochoria vaginalis</i>	heartshape	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	parrotfeather	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Najas minor</i>	brittle naiad	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Nitellopsis obtusa</i>	starry stonewort	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	yellow floating hearts	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Ottelia alismoides</i>	duck lettuce	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	curly-leaved pondweed	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23

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<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>	arrowhead	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Salvinia auriculata</i>	giant salvinia	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Salvinia biloba</i>	giant salvinia	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Salvinia herzogii</i>	giant salvinia	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	giant salvinia	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	exotic bur-reed	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	water soldier	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Trapa natans</i>	water chestnut	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	narrow-leaved cattail	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23

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Terrestrial Plants				
Grass				
<i>Arthraxon hispidus</i>	small carpgrass	grass	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Arundo donax</i>	giant reed	grass	Caution	None
<i>Leymus arenarius</i>	lyme grass	grass	Caution	None
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	Japanese stiltgrass	grass	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	Chinese maiden grass	grass	High	None
<i>Miscanthus x gigantea</i>	miscanthus hybrid	grass	Caution	None
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass	grass	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	common reed	grass	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>	ravenna grass	grass	Medium	None
<i>Schedonorus arundinaceus</i>	tall fescue	grass	Medium	None
<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Johnson grass	grass	High	Noxious weed per IC 15-3-4.6; detrimental plant per IC 15-3-4 and IC 15-3-5
Herbaceous				
<i>Achyranthes japonica</i>	Japanese chaff flower	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	mugwort	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Cardamine impatiens</i>	narrowleaf bittercress	Herbaceous	Medium	None
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	spiny plumeless thistle	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	musk thistle	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	spotted knapweed	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada thistle	Herbaceous	High	Noxious weed per IC 15-3-4.6; detrimental plant per IC 15-3-4
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	crown vetch	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's lace	Herbaceous	Medium	None
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	common teasel	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i>	cut-leaved teasel	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	leafy spurge	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	goatsrue	Herbaceous	Medium	Federal noxious weed
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	giant hogweed	Herbaceous	Medium	Federal noxious weed
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	dame's rocket	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	St. John's wort	Herbaceous	Low	None
<i>Kummerowia stipulacea</i>	Korean lespedeza	Herbaceous	Medium	None
<i>Kummerowia striata</i>	striate lespedeza	Herbaceous	Medium	None
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	pepperweed	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Melilotus alba</i>	white sweet clover	Herbaceous	Medium	None
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	yellow sweet clover	Herbaceous	Medium	None
<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>	wild parsnip	Herbaceous	High	None
<i>Perilla frutescens</i>	beafsteak plant	Herbaceous	Medium	None
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	lesser celandine	Herbaceous	High	None
<i>Reynoutria japonica</i>	Japanese knotweed	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Reynoutria sachalinensis</i>	Giant knotweed	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Reynoutria x Bohemica</i>	Bohemian knotweed	Herbaceous	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	bouncing bet	Herbaceous	Medium	None
<i>Torilis arvensis</i>	spreading hedge parsley	Herbaceous	High	None
<i>Torilis japonica</i>	Japanese hedge parsley	Herbaceous	High	None
<i>Typha x glauca</i>	hybrid cattail	Herbaceous	Caution	None
<i>Vinca major</i>	large-leaved periwinkle	Herbaceous	Caution	None
<i>Vinca minor</i>	periwinkle	Herbaceous	Medium	None

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Shrub				
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	common barberry	shrub	Caution	None
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Russian olive	shrub	Medium	None
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	autumn olive	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	burning bush	shrub	High	None
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	glossy buckthorn	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Lespedeza bicolor</i>	bicolor lespedeza	shrub	Medium	None
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	sericea lespedeza	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Ligustrum amurense</i>	Amur privet	shrub	Caution	None
<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i>	blunt leaved privet	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>	California privet	shrub	Caution	None
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	Chinese privet	shrub	Caution	None
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	common privet	shrub	Caution	None
<i>Lonicera maackii</i>	Amur honeysuckle	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>	Morrow's honeysuckle	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	Tatarian honeysuckle	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Lonicera x bella</i>	Bell's honeysuckle	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	common buckthorn	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Rhodotypos scandens</i>	jetbead	shrub	Medium	None
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	multiflora rose	shrub	High	Prohibited species per IC 14-24-12 and 312 IAC 18-3-13
<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i>	wine raspberry	shrub	Caution	None
<i>Spiraea japonica</i>	Japanese meadowsweet	shrub	Medium	None
<i>Viburnum opulus v. opulus</i>	highbush cranberry	shrub	High	None

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Tree				
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway maple	tree	High	None
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree of heaven	tree	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	mimosa	tree	Medium	None
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	black alder	tree	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Morus alba</i>	white mulberry	tree	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	princess tree	tree	Medium	None
<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>	Amur cork tree	tree	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	callery pear	tree	High	None
<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	sawtooth oak	tree	Caution	None
<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Siberian elm	tree	Medium	None
Vine				
<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	porcelain berry	vine	Caution	None
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Asian bitterweet	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Clematis terniflora</i>	sweet autumn clematis	vine	High	None
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Dioscorea polystachya</i>	Chinese yam	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	wintercreeper	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	creeping Charlie	vine	Medium	None
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English ivy	vine	Medium	None
<i>Humulus japonicus</i>	Japanese hops	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	moneywort	vine	High	None
<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>	mile-a-minute vine	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Pueraria montana</i>	kudzu	vine	High	Pest species per 312 IAC 18-3-16
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	vetch	vine	Medium	None
<i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i>	black swallow-wort	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Vincetoxicum rossicum</i>	pale swallow-wort	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	wisteria	vine	Medium	None

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- Plants in trade are assessed using the *Plants in Trade Assessment Tool*
- Plants not in trade are assessed using the *Plants Not in Trade Tool*

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