Indiana Invasive Plant List

Created by the Invasive Plant Advisory Committee of the Indiana Invasive Species Council Established 9-26-2012; Language revised 11-21-2023

List is separated into aquatic/terrestrial, then regulated vs unregulated, then rank and Latin name 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.

Regulated Species								
Latin Name (click name for species								
assessment)	Common Name	Growth Form	Rank	Regulatory Status				
Prohibited Aquatic Plant								
Azolla pinnata	mosquito fern	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Butomus umbellatus	flowering rush	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Caulerpa taxifolia	caulerpa	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Egeria densa	Brazilian elodea	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Eichhornia azurea	anchored water hyacinth	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Hvdrilla verticillata	hvdrilla	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae	European frogbit	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Hygrophilia polysperma	miramar weed	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Ipomoea aquatica	Chinese waterspinach	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Iris pseudacorus	yellow iris	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Lagarosiphon major	oxygen weed	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Limnophila sessiliflora	Asian marshweed	aquatic	High	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Lythrum salicaria	purple loosestrife	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-13				
Adamanta tantata			FN					
Monochoria hastata	monochoria	aquatic	FIN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Monochoria vaginalis	heartshape	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Myriophyllum aquaticum	parrotfeather	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Myriophyllum spicatum	Eurasian watermilfoil	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Najas minor	brittle naiad	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Nitellopsis obtusa	starry stonewort	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Nymphoides peltata	yellow floating hearts	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Ottolia aliamaidaa	duck lettuce		11i-h	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Ottelia alismoides Potamogeton crispus	curly-leaved pondweed	aquatic aquatic	High High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23 Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Sagittaria sagittifolia	arrowhead	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Salvinia auriculata	giant salvinia	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Salvinia biloba	giant salvinia	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Salvinia herzogii	giant salvinia	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Salvinia molesta	giant salvinia	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Sparganium erectum	exotic bur-reed	aquatic	FN	Federal noxious weed, prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Stratiotes aloides	water soldier	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Trapa natans	water chestnut	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
Typha angustifolia	narrow-leaved cattail	aquatic	High	Prohibited invasive aquatic plant per 312 IAC 18-3-23				
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		1	Terrestrial Pla	
Achyranthes japonica	Japanese chaff flower	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Ailanthus altissima Alliaria petiolata	tree of heaven garlic mustard	tree forb	High High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25] Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Alnus alutinosa	black alder	tree	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25] Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Artemisia vulgaris	mugwort	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25] Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Arthraxon hispidus	small carpgrass	grass	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Berberis thunbergii	Japanese barberry	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Carduus acanthoides	spiny plumeless thistle	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Carduus nutans	musk thistle	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Celastrus orbiculatus	Asian bittersweet	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Centaurea stoebe	spotted knapweed	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle	forb	High	Noxious weed per IC 15-3-4.6; detrimental plant per IC 15-3-4
Cirsium vulgare	bull thistle	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Conium maculatum	poison hemlock	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Convolvulus arvensis	field bindweed	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Coronilla varia	crown vetch	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Dioscorea polystachya	Chinese yam	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Dipsacus fullonum	common teasel	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Dipsacus laciniatus	cut-leaved teasel	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Elaeagnus umbellata	autumn olive	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Euonymus fortunei	wintercreeper	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Euphorbia esula	leafy spurge	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Frangula alnus	glossy buckthorn	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Hesperis matronalis	dame's rocket	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Humulus japonicus	Japanese hops	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Lepidium latifolium	pepperweed	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25
Lespedeza cuneata	sericea lespedeza	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25
Ligustrum obtusifolium	blunt leaved privet	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Lonicera japonica	Japanese honeysuckle	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Lonicera maacki	Amur honeysuckle	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Lonicera morrowii	Morrow's honeysuckle	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Lonicera tatarica	Tatarian honeysuckle	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Lonicera x bella	Bell's honeysuckle	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Microstegium vimineum	Japanese stiltgrass	grass	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Morus alba	white mulberry	tree	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canarygrass	grass	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Phellodendron amurense	Amur cork tree	tree	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Phragmites australis	common reed	grass	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Polygonum perfoliatum	mile-a-minute vine	vine	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Pueraria montana	kudzu	vine	High	Pest species per 312 IAC 18-3-16
Reynoutria japonica	Japanese knotweed	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25
Reynoutria sachalinensis	Giant knotweed	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25
R. x Bohemica	Bohemian knotweed	forb	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25
Rhamnus cathartica	common buckthorn	shrub	High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
Rosa multiflora	multiflora rose	shrub	High	Prohibited species per IC 14-24-12 and 312 IAC 18-3-13
Sorghum halepense	Johnson grass	grass	High	Noxious weed per IC 15-3-4.6; detrimental plant per IC 15-3-4 and IC 15-3-5
Vincetoxicum nigrum	black swallow-wort	vine	High High	Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25] Prohibited Invasive Terrestrial Plants [312 IAC 18-3-25]
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Common Name	Growth Form	Rank	Regulatory Status
St. John's wort	forb	Low	None
porcelain berry	shrub	Caution	None
giant reed	grass	Caution	None
common barberry	shrub	Caution	None
lyme grass	grass	Caution	None
Amur privet	shrub	Caution	None
California privet	shrub	Caution	None
Chinese privet	shrub	Caution	None
common privet	shrub	Caution	None
miscanthus hybrid	grass	Caution	None
sawtooth oak	tree	Caution	None
wine raspberry	shrub	Caution	None
hybrid cattail	forb	Caution	None
large-leaved periwinkle	vine	Caution	None
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