

Invasives: List

Plants that have been assessed and categorized by the Rhode Island Invasive Species Council, as of 2/28/2001

- This list is for informational purposes only; it has no legal or regulatory stature.
- The list does NOT include every plant that is invasive in Rhode Island, but is a list of those plants that have been assessed to date, using the established criteria.

Widespread and Invasive

<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Fanwort
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	Asiatic Bittersweet
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	Autumn Olive
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese Honeysuckle
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife
<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> [= <i>Fallopia japonica</i>]	Japanese Knotweed
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curly Pondweed
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Common Buckthorn
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Multiflora Rose
<i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i> [= <i>Cynanchum nigrum</i>]	Black Swallowwort

Restricted and Invasive

<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ^(a)	Tree of Heaven
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i> ^(a)	Garlic Mustard
<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	Porcelain-berry
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	Variable Water-milfoil
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	Watercress
<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i> ^(b)	Wineberry
<i>Vincetoxicum rossicum</i> [= <i>Cynanchum rossicum</i>]	White Swallowwort

Agreed are invasive but need more information

<i>Acer platanoides</i> ^(b)	Norway Maple
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> ^(b)	Japanese Barberry
<i>Euonymus alatus</i> ^(b)	Burning Bush
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i> and <i>Lonicera x Bella</i> ^(b)	Morrow and Bella Honeysuckle

Needs more research and observation/monitoring

(Many of these species are known to be invasive in neighboring states.)

<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore Maple
<i>Allium vineale</i>	Field-garlic
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	European Barberry
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Creeper
<i>Clematis terniflora</i> [= <i>C. paniculata</i>]	Autumn Clematis
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch Broom
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's Lace
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Russian Olive
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Winter Creeper
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Dame's Rocket
<i>Iris pseudoacorus</i>	Yellow Flag
<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	Summer Cypress
<i>Ligustrum species</i> ^(d)	Privet
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	Eulalia
<i>Morus alba</i>	White Mulberry
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	True Forget-me-not
<i>Phellodendron japonicum</i>	Amur Corktree
<i>Phragmites australis</i> ^(e)	Common Reed
<i>Pinus thunbergiana</i>	Japanese Black Pine
<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	Princess Feather
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i> [= <i>Frangula alnus</i>] ^(d)	Glossy Buckthorn
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black Locust
<i>Rosa rugosa</i> ^(f)	Beach Rose
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	Spanish Bayonet

Potentially Invasive Species

(These are invasive in other states but have not yet become so in Rhode Island.)

<i>Egeria densa</i> [= <i>Elodea densa</i>] ^(g)	Brazilian Waterweed
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> ^(l)	Hydrilla
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i> ⁽ⁱ⁾	Moneywort
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i> ^(h)	Japanese Stiltgrass
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> ^(h)	Eurasian Water-milfoil
<i>Najas minor</i> ^(h)	Eutrophic Water-nymph
<i>Pistia stratiotes</i> ^(k)	Water-lettuce
<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i> ^(h)	Mile-a-minute Weed
<i>Trapa natans</i> ^(h)	Water-chestnut

Weedy

(Plants of disturbed areas; do not appear to be affecting minimally managed habitats. This list is not even close to all the non-native “weedy” plants in Rhode Island. The ones below were in the original list assessed by the RIISC during 2000; if a plant wasn’t on that list or wasn’t brought up subsequently as potentially meeting the criteria for an invasive species in the state, it is not included here.)

<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Goutweed
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Drooping Brome Grass
<i>Centaurea nigra, C. dubia, C. maculosa, etc.</i>	Knapweeds
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada Thistle
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Bull Thistle
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	Crown Vetch
<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground Ivy
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Purple Dead-nettle
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep Sorrel
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	European Nightshade

Footnotes:

- a Spreading
- b need more information on its spread in RI
- c fits Criteria 1–9 and is widespread; need to assess reproductive capabilities of cultivars and hybrids
- d fits Criteria 1–5 and is spreading; we need to know which species are the ones that naturalize and spread
- e assessing locations of native non-aggressive populations
- f fits Criteria 1–9; suggested “fast-track” monitoring
- g 12/2005: known from one site in the state
- h has become established in RI since list was made
- i reported from RI but not assessed as invasive as of 12/2005
- j “Restricted + invasive” in CT; reported in several RI sites in summer 2005
- k 12/2005: reported in RI waters but has not yet been found to survive winter
- l not reported from RI as of 7/2012