

Undesirable INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS DO NOT PURCHASE LIST

MANY GARDEN FAVORITES ARE BECOMING "GREEN INVADERS." INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS ARE SPECIES FOUND OUTSIDE THEIR NATIVE RANGE THAT THREATEN BIODIVERSITY. THESE PLANTS GROW AND REPRODUCE EXPONENTIALLY, OUT-COMPETING NATIVE SPECIES FOR RESOURCES. TO HELP STOP THE THREAT IN OUR AREA, THE MECKLENBURG SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT **INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE (ISTF)** HAS COMPILED A LIST OF COMMON OFFENDERS.

Vines (spp=all species)

Common Name	Scientific Name
Five-leaved Akebia	<i>Akebia quintata</i>
Air Potato	<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i>
Bush-killer	<i>Cayratia japonica</i>
Chinese Wisteria	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>
Chinese Yam	<i>Dioscorea oppositifolia</i>
Creeping Wintercreeper	<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>
English Ivy	<i>Hedra helix</i>
Japanese Climbing Fern	<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Japanese Hops	<i>Humulus japonicus</i>
Japanese Wisteria	<i>Wisteria floribunda</i>
Kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i>
Mile-a-minute	<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>
Oriental Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
Periwinkle	<i>Vinca spp.</i>
Porcelain Berry	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>

Grasses/Grass-like Plants (spp=all species)

Common Name	Scientific Name
Bamboo	<i>Banbusa spp.</i>
Maiden/Chinese silvergrass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>
Cogon Grass	<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>
Common Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
Japanese Stiltgrass	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>
Johnson Grass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
Liriope/Monkey Grass	<i>Liriope muscari, spicata</i>
Running Bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys spp.</i>

Herbaceous (Non-woody, Non-grass) Plants

Common Name	Scientific Name
Asian Spiderwort	<i>Murdania keisak</i>
Bicolor, Sericia Lespedeza	<i>Lespedeza bicolor, cuneata</i>
Garlic Mustard	<i>Allaria petiolata</i>
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Tropical Soda Apple	<i>Solanun viarum</i>

Shrubs (spp=all species)

Common Name	Scientific Name
Autumn Olive, Silverberry	<i>Elaeagnus spp.</i>
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
Chinese Holly	<i>Ilex cornuta</i>
Honeysuckle - Fragrant, Amur, Morrow's, Standish's Tartarian, Dwarf	<i>Lonicera fragrantissima, maackii, morrowii, standishii tatarica, xylosteum</i>
Japanese Barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>
Japanese Spirea	<i>Spirea japonica</i>
Leatherleaf Mahonia	<i>Mahonia bealii</i>
Multiflora Rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>
Nandina, Sacred Bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>
Privet (Chinese, Japanese)	<i>Ligustrum spp.</i>
Rose of Sharon	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>
Winged Euonymus	<i>Euonymus alatus</i>

Trees

Common Name	Scientific Name
Bradford Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>
Emperess/Princess Tree	<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>
Mimosa	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>
Rose Glory Bower	<i>Clerodendron bungei</i>
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
White Mulberry	<i>Morus alba</i>