

Top Ten Bad Guys of Henry County:

- ◆ *Asian Bittersweet*
- ◆ *Autumn Olive*
- ◆ *Burning Bush*
- ◆ *Bush Honeysuckle*
- ◆ *Garlic mustard*
- ◆ *Multiflora Rose*
- ◆ *Pear Tree*
- ◆ *Poison Hemlock*
- ◆ *White Mulberry Tree*
- ◆ *Wintercreeper*



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Henry County Removes Invasive Plants



JOIN US

- ◆ *Monthly meetings: First Monday of every month. 6:00 pm, New Castle Library*
- ◆ *Seasonal Weed Wrangles*

What are Invasive Plants?

They are non-native and spread aggressively causing great harm.

Why are they bad?

They hurt our:

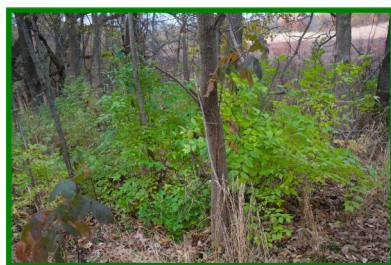
- ◆ Birds because they don't provide food for baby birds.
- ◆ Bees because their pollen nutrients are all wrong.
- ◆ Butterflies because they don't support their caterpillars.
- ◆ Wildflowers because they smother them.

What you can do!

Join HC-RIPS!
And we will help you!

- ◆ Education—We will teach you how to identify invasive plants
- ◆ Inspiration—We will show you cleared properties and the wonders of nature that fill them
- ◆ Action—We will bring the tools to Weed Wrangles and demonstrate!

Bush Honeysuckle



Description: Shrub growing about 6 feet tall in forests. Leaves are opposite. White flowers in May/June. Red berries in fall. Hollow stems.

Problem: Fills woodlands and smothers all plant life beneath its branches. Berries non-nutritious for birds. Branches allow predators to get to baby birds.

Pear Trees



Description: Upright tree with flaky gray bark and stubby thorn-like twigs. White flowers. Smells bad.

Problem: Fills forest understories and meadows with dense populations out competing good native trees.

Autumn Olive



Description: Tall shrub gets up to 20 feet tall with smooth gray bark. Alternate leaves have silver undersides and wavy edges.

Problem: Very aggressive. Grows into impenetrable thickets and chokes out all native vegetation.

Garlic Mustard



Description: Grows on forest floor up to 4-feet tall with triangular, sharp-toothed leaves and small white flowers in a cluster at the top of the stem.

Problem: Displaces wildflowers, poisons the soil, inhibits tree and plant growth, kills native butterfly.