

# WHAT DOES THE PERRY/SPENCER LAND AND NATIVE SPECIES TEAM DO?

The Perry/Spencer Land and Native Species Team provides resources to Perry and Spencer County citizens to help them identify, manage, and report invasive species on their properties. PLANT also serves as part of the early detection and rapid response network to be the first line of defense against new invasive species moving into Indiana via the Ohio River. PLANT hosts regular field days and workshops to educate the public on invasive species, native species for landscaping, and native species for pollinators. Please visit our website or like us on Facebook for updated information on our events.



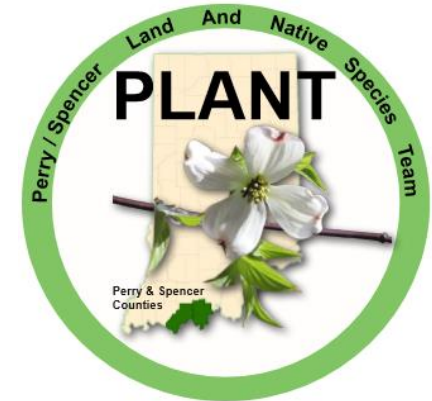
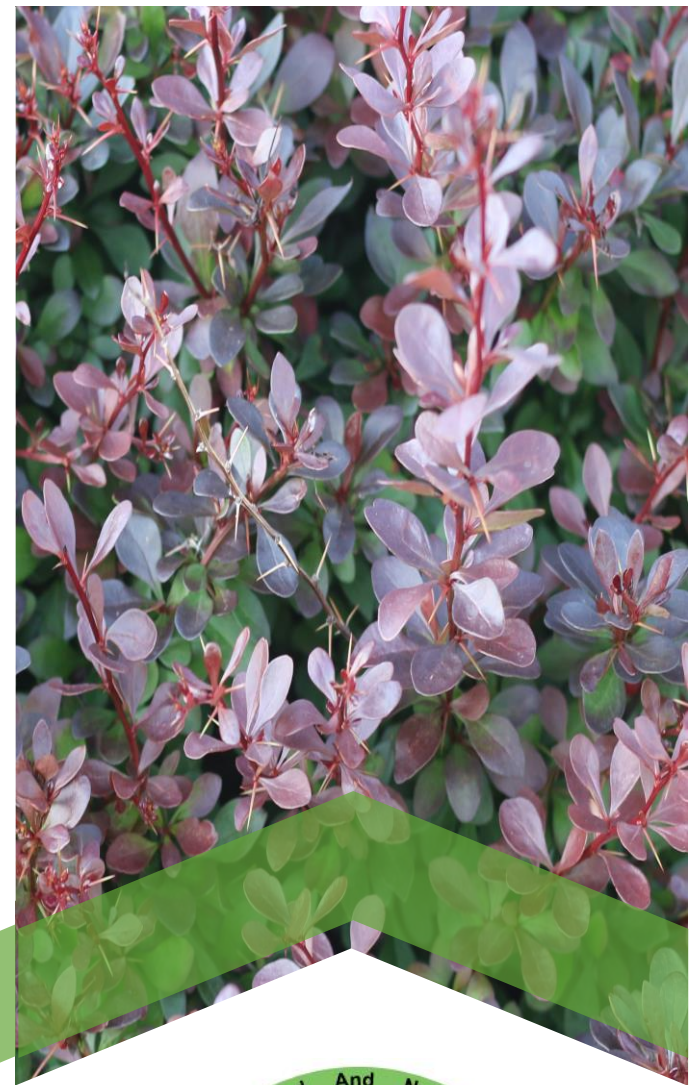
Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)



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## WHAT IS A CISMA?

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A CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) is a partnership organization formed with the goal of managing invasive species across jurisdictional and landownership boundaries.

## WHAT IS AN INVASIVE SPECIES?

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A species that does not naturally occur in a specific area and whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic harm, environmental harm, or harm to human health. Asian bush honeysuckle (pictured bottom right) is one of the most prevalent invasive species we have in Perry & Spencer County.



Autumn olive (*Eleagnus umbellata*)

## WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES?

Invasive species hurt wildlife by crowding out the native plants that our wildlife need for food and cover. This reduces the number and variety of forest wildlife available for hunting and recreation. Invasive species can make a nice hike through fields and forests a painful walk through a tangled thorny mess. Invasive species can also become a weedy nuisance in a garden or in landscaping.



Burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*)

## HOW CAN I HELP?

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- Do not purchase invasive species
- Replace invasive species in your landscaping with native plants
- Get an invasive plant survey of your property
- Attend a workshop or weed wrangle
- Report escaped populations of invasive species on EddMapS
- Tell a friend about invasive species

## FREE INVASIVE PLANT SURVEYS

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Have an invasive species specialist come to your property and identify invasive plants that might be growing on your land. We can help you control problem plants. Visit <http://www.sicim.info/cisma-project/#iiccontacts> to request a survey



Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*)