

WHAT ARE INVASIVE PLANTS?

Invasive plants are non-native species that cause a host of negative environmental and economic impacts. Invasive plants decrease biodiversity, harm wildlife and livestock, reduce habitat, and more.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES?

- Invasive plants impact forests, farmland and your property value
- Invasive species affect your health by causing burns, blisters, rashes, and respiratory problems
- Invasive species destroy natural habitat which wildlife depend on
- Invasive plants invade your yard and take over your gardens

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Learn how to identify
- Remove invasive plants from your property and replace with native plants
- Participate in volunteer workdays to remove invasive plants
- Encourage local nurseries to stop selling invasive plants and only shop where native plants are sold.
- Spread the word (not the plants) with your neighbors, clubs, friends and family
- Get involved with VIM meetings and events

FOR MORE RESOURCES

**Southern Indiana Cooperative
Invasives Management**
sicim.info

Indiana Invasive Species Council
IndianaInvasiveSpecies.org
**Native Nurseries & Invasive Plant
Contractors**

GrowIndianaNatives.org
Pollinator Habitat
Xerces.org

Missouri Botanical Garden
MissouriBotanicalGarden.org
Prairie Moon Nursery
prairiemoon.com

Indiana Native Plant Society
IndianaNativePlants.org



Tree of Heaven
Ailanthus altissima

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VIGO INVASIVES MANAGEMENT

TO EDUCATE VIGO COUNTY
ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES
TO PRESERVE AND
PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT



GOOD INTENTIONS,
GONE BAD

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- IDENTIFY -
- REMOVE -
- REPLACE -



Wintercreeper (vine)
Euonymus fortunei



Callery pear (tree)
Pyrus calleryana



Oriental bittersweet (vine)
Celastrus orbiculatus



Asian Bush Honeysuckle (shrub)
Lonicera spp.

- Additional Invasive Plants in Vigo County
- Burning bush, *Euonymus alatus* (on cover)
 - Autumn olive, *Elaeagnus umbellate*
 - Norway maple, *Acer platanoides*
 - Kudzu, *Pueraria montana var. lobata*
 - Garlic mustard, *Alliaria petiolata*
 - Common privet, *Ligustrum vulgare*
 - Chinese privet, *Ligustrum sinense*
 - Border privet, *Ligustrum obtusifolium*
 - Japanese knotweed, *Reynoutria japonica*
 - Sweet autumn clematis, *Clematis terniflora*
 - Chinese silver grass, *Miscanthus spp.*
 - English ivy, *Hedera helix*



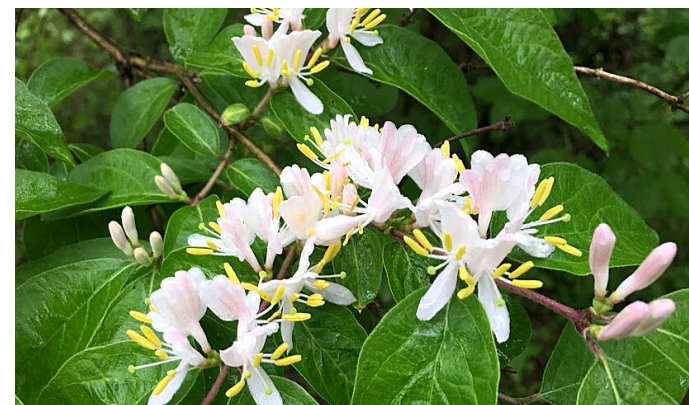
Periwinkle (vine)
Vinca minor



Japanese Stiltgrass (grass)
Microstegium vimineum



Japanese barberry (shrub)
Berberis thunbergii



Japanese honeysuckle (vine)
Lonicera japonica