

## What is an exotic plant?

We call plants “*exotic*” if they have been moved by people to places outside their known natural range where they would not likely have been dispersed naturally by wind, water or wildlife. Other terms for exotic include alien, non-native and non-indigenous.

## What makes an exotic plant invasive?

Exotic plants are considered *invasive* when they become abundant and grow in a manner that causes habitat degradation, displacement of native plants and animals and disruption of ecological processes.

## How many invasive exotic plants are there?

Of the nearly 5,000 non-native plants occurring in the wild in the U.S., over 1,200 species are reported to be invasive in natural areas, according to the Invasive Plant Atlas of the United States ([invasiveplantatlas.org](http://invasiveplantatlas.org)). In the mid-Atlantic region, about 285 species are recognized as ecologically problematic invasives. Some examples of highly invasive plants in this region are shown in the center panel.

For more information, visit our web page: [www.ma-ipc.org](http://www.ma-ipc.org)

### Aquatic Plants

Eurasian watermilfoil  
Hydrilla  
Water chestnut

### Forbs

Beefsteak Plant  
Fig buttercup  
Garlic mustard  
Japanese knotweed  
Purple loosestrife

### Grasses

Exotic bamboos  
Japanese stiltgrass  
Wavyleaf basketgrass

### Shrubs

Amur honeysuckle  
Chinese privet  
Japanese barberry  
Multiflora rose

### Trees

Callery pear  
Princess tree  
Tree of heaven  
White mulberry

### Vines

Asiatic bittersweet  
Chinese wisteria  
Creeping euonymus  
English ivy  
Japanese honeysuckle  
Kudzu  
Mile-a-minute weed  
Porcelain-berry  
Sweet autumn virgins-bower

## Membership Application

Complete this form and send with your check made payable to ‘MA-IPC’ to:

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### Membership Categories

#### Annual

<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/family	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Institutional	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Institutional	\$1,000

#### Lifetime

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional	\$500

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## What is the Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council?

The Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council (MA-IPC), previously the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council, MA-EPPC, was established in 2000.\* Council representation includes federal, state and local government agencies, non-governmental organizations, industry, academia, and individuals from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

MA-IPC provides regional leadership to educate the public and practitioners on the serious impacts of invasive plants, how to prevent their introduction and spread and how to effectively manage invasives in order to protect and restore native species and ecosystems.

MA-IPC provides guidance on:

- 1) Identifying invasive species
- 2) Mapping infestations
- 3) Choosing effective control options
- 4) Restoring sites
- 6) Training volunteers
- 7) Identifying research needs

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The Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization. Membership contributions may be tax-deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

## How Can You Help?

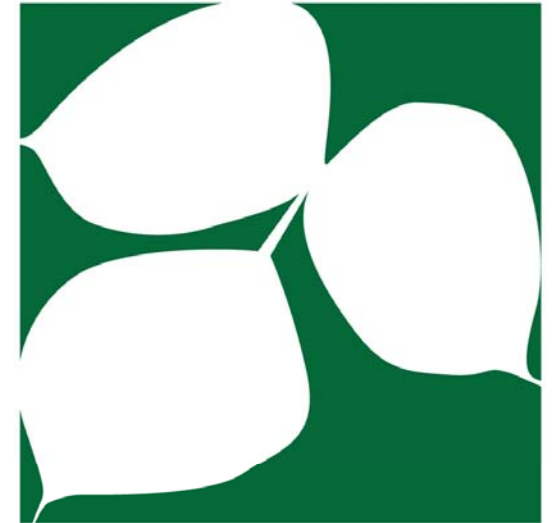
- ⌘ **Learn how recognize invasive plants**
- ⌘ **Learn how to control invasive plants effectively**
- ⌘ **Volunteer to help remove invasive plants from a park or natural area**
- ⌘ **Use native plants whenever possible in your home landscape to support birds and other wildlife**
- ⌘ **Teach others how to identify and control invasive plants**
- ⌘ **Attend conferences and workshops to learn more**
- ⌘ **Become a member of the Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council**

### Please Join Us!

**Your membership provides MA-IPC resources needed to:**

- Hold conferences and workshops
- Produce educational materials
- Maintain our website and list-serve to support member communication
- Support research projects
- Train volunteers

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