



INVASIVE ONTARIO PLANTS

Below please find a list of some of the plants considered to be invasive to southern Ontario. The list was compiled by using several resources and, though extensive, is not a full list of all invasive species. However, it will allow readers to avoid plants from an extensive file.

Invasive species are those that are not native to Ontario. Invasive species have the ability to compete with, and replace, native Ontario species in their natural habitats.

Invasive species arrived in Ontario by a variety of means... though most were introduced by people as they moved here. Some plants were brought in for food, medicine, or just to remind the immigrants of their homeland. Other alien species arrived hidden in soil that was once commonly used as ship ballast, in bales of hay used as fodder, in natural packing materials, and in bags of crop seeds. Some were introduced specifically to solve a perceived problem.

However, not all invasive species in Ontario are alien to Canada. Some native Canadian species such as Manitoba maple and common milkweed extended their ranges into Ontario in response to human activities. Manitoba maple grows quickly and seeds itself readily in a variety of disturbed habitats, especially in and around urban centres. Milkweed has spread widely because of the large expanses of open fields that were created by the cutting Ontario forests.

Absinth
 Alfalfa
 Amur honeysuckle
 Amur maple
 Angelica
 Asiatic bittersweet
 Autumn olive
 Bitter buttons
 Black alder
 Black buckthorn



Black locust
 Black swallowwort
 Blueweed
 Bouncing Bet
 Bugleweed
 Burnet-saxifrage
 Canada Blue grass
 Canada thistle
 Cat's-ear
 Celandine
 Clay-weed
 Cleavers
 Climbing euonymus
 Climbing nightshade
 Coltsfoot
 Common buckthorn
 Common privet
 Common reed
 Common tansy
 Cough-wort
 Creeping bellflower

Creeping charlie
 Creeping thistle
 Crested wheat grass
 Crown vetch
 Curly pondweed
 Dame's rocket
 Dame's violet
 Dog-strangling vine
 Eglantine
 English ivy
 Eurasian water milfoil
 European alder
 European buckthorn
 European frog-bit
 European highbush cranberry
 European mount. ash
 European white birch
 Everlasting pea
 Faitour's grass
 False acacia
 Field scabious
 Floating heart
 Flowering rush
 Foxglove
 Garlic mustard
 Ginger-root
 Glossy buckthorn



Goatsbeard
 Goutweed

Great manna grass
 Guelder rose
 Hedge garlic
 Hemp-nettle
 Himalayan balsam
 Himalayan blackberry
 Hoary-alyssum
 Hog-weed



Honesty
 Honey clover
 Horse chestnut
 Impatiens
 Jacobs-staff
 Japanese barberry
 Japanese honeysuckle
 Japanese knotweed
 Japanese rose
 Kentucky blue grass
 Leafy spurge
 Lilac
 Lily-of-the-valley
 Lombardy poplar
 Marsh cress
 Mexican bamboo
 Moneywort
 Mossy stonecrop

Mother-of-thyme
 Mullein
 Multiflowered rose
 Musk thistle
 Myrtle
 Nodding thistle
 Norway Maple
 Norway spruce
 Oleaster
 Orange daylily
 Organdy
 Oriental bittersweet
 Ox-eye daisy
 Pampas grass
 Parsley fern
 Perennial sweet pea
 Periwinkle
 Pondweed
 Purple loosestrife
 Quack grass
 Ragweed
 Reed canary grass
 Reed grass



Rosin rose
 Russian olive
 Sand rocket
 Scotch broom
 Scotch pine
 Sheep sorrel
 Short-rayed aster
 Siberian elm

Siberian pea shrub
 Silver birch
 Silver dollar
 Smooth brome grass
 Spiked water milfoil
 Spotted knapweed
 Swallow wort
 Swamp loosestrife
 Sweet briar
 Sweet woodruffe
 Sweetleaf rose
 Tartarian honeysuckle
 Teasel
 Tipton-weed
 Trebizond date
 Tree-of-heaven
 Velvet dock
 Viper's bugloss
 Watercress
 Wartweed
 Wayfaring tree
 White bedstraw
 White mulberry
 White poplar
 White sweet clover
 Wild madder
 Wild marjoram
 Wild parsnip
 Wild tansy
 Winged euonymus
 Winter cress
 Wintersweet
 Wolf's milk
 Wormwood
 Wrinkled rose
 Yellow flag
 Yellow floating heart
 Yellow myrtle
 Yellow sweet clover
 Yellow water cress