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June 2022

Invasive Species Spotlight: Japanese Honeysuckle

(*Lonicera japonica*)



Native Range: east Asia

Description: Woody, perennial vine with opposite, oval-shaped leaves with smooth edges and a short leaf stem, which are visible most of the year. Has pairs of white to yellow, fragrant flowers in early summer with black berries later in the season. Young stems are reddish-brown and develop peeling bark as they mature.

Why it is a problem: Spreads via seeds, by roots at the node, and through rhizomes forming a dense, tangled mat of vegetation over other plants. It is still sold as an ornamental in many plant catalogues. It grows in both full sun and part-shade, making it particularly aggressive along woodland edges and open forests.

Control: Smaller infestations can be controlled through hand-pulling. Mowing and prescribed fire can slow the spread. Foliar application of a 5–8% glyphosate solution in late fall is effective, when many native species are dormant.

More info:

[The Invasive Japanese Honeysuckle \(psu.edu\)](#)

[IPSAWG-JapaneseHoneysuckle.pdf \(purdue.edu\)](#)

Native Plant Fest Provides Education on the Impacts of Invasive Species



Jenna Parks-Freeman of Prophetstown State Park shows attendees how to make cordage as part of the Cultural and Historical Uses of Native Plants presentation.

The second annual Native Plant Fest was held on Saturday, May 14th at Ross Camp in West Lafayette. The event is hosted through a partnership between the Tippecanoe County Soil and Water Conservation District and Park and Recreation Department. Partners from a variety of local conservation organizations, including TICT, and a number of volunteers assist in make this event possible. Approximately 500 people attended the free event where they learned about topics including the importance to native plants, how to identify them and how to incorporate them into their landscaping. Additionally, the public learned about invasive plants, like why they are a problem, what invasive plants may be lurking in their landscaping and how manage them.



Amber Slaughterbeck of State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM) talks to attendees about invasive plants.

Prophetstown State Park Native Plant Sale Recap



We had 60+ species of plants native to Tippecanoe County available at the plant sale and over 300 attendees! 2,500 plants departed our greenhouses to 10+ Indiana State Park properties across the state. Multiple species have already been planted within Prophetstown State Park, including at the park office and Aquatic Center. We could not make such a difference in our region and within our state parks without the help of volunteers who help us sow, tend, sell, and plant the species in our greenhouses. Thank you to all of those who assisted with these efforts in 2022! If you would like to get involved in 2023, email jparks@dnr.in.gov to be added to our greenhouse days volunteer list.

Pollinatorpalooza at Prophetstown State Park



Saturday, June 25 from 10 am – 2 pm

2nd Annual Pollinatorpalooza

Buzz over to the Prairie View Picnic area where we'll "bee" celebrating pollinators of all kinds! Join us for sessions on pollinator gardens, bees, plant ID, and more. Activities, workshops, and guided walks available for all ages! The event is free with park admission. Some workshops provided at added cost. Learn more and sign up for workshops here: <https://on.in.gov/prophetstown>

Learn more

TICT Out in the Community

TICT will be hosting a booth at some community events this summer. Stop by and check out our new activity "Invasives on Trial" and grab some stickers to share! We hope you'll stop by and say hi if you see us at the following events:

- June 25 – Pollinatorpalooza at Prophetstown State Park, 10 am – 2 pm
 - July 9 – Wabash Riverfest at Tapawingo Park, 9 am – 4 pm
 - July 16 – Lafayette Farmers Market, 8 am – 12:30 pm
 - July 20 – West Lafayette Farmers Market, 3:30 pm – 7 pm
 - August 13 – Mosey Down Main Street, 6 pm – 9 pm
 - Sept 7 – West Lafayette Farmers Market, 3:30 pm – 7 pm
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INVASIVE PLANT SWAP PROGRAM

Apply to receive free native replacements when you remove your Callery pear tree or burning bush!

Replacements Offered:

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| Alleghany Serviceberry | Redbud |
| Pagoda Dogwood | Black Chokeberry |
| Overcup Oak | Winterberry |
| American Hornbeam | Arrowwood Viburnum |

Deadline to apply: August 1

tinyurl.com/invasiveswap



Please fill out the application below if you are interested in receiving a free native replacement for removing an invasive Callery Pear tree (*Pyrus calleryana*) or an invasive Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*). This program is only open to residents of Tippecanoe County, Indiana. We have different funding sources for replacing street trees versus trees on private property, so you will be working with a City Forester if your invasive plant is a street tree. Trees and shrubs must be in a landscape setting, and not in a forested or unmanaged area.

Callery Pear and Burning Bush are non-native species, like many non-native ornamentals used in landscaping.

However, these two non-native species are known to reproduce prolifically and invade natural areas at the detriment of native species (classifying them as invasive). The best way to prevent this is by replacing them with a native species.

Invasive plants must be removed by November 15th to receive your free tree.

In addition to this form, applicants must also submit photos to **TICTaboutinvasives@gmail.com** to verify that the plant is Callery Pear or Burning Bush. Required photos include 1.) a photo taken from a distance that shows the plant in the landscape, 2.) a closeup of a leaf and stem, 3.) fruit or flowers (if present).

[Invasive Plant Swap Program Application](#)

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