



Landscape Information Sheet

The Camden Park Landscaping Committee is compiling a series of Information Sheets on a variety of landscaping and gardening topics. Be sure to click on the highlighted links for further information. If you have an idea for an Information Sheet, [email us](#).

Invasive Plants Species in North Carolina

This is a listing of invasive plants in North Carolina as a resource for homeowners. Click on the links for photos and detailed information on how to identify and eradicate or control these invasive species on your property. We'll update this information periodically.

Whether you're new to the state or an experienced gardener, identifying invasive species and keeping them out of your yard will benefit the community as a whole. Why avoid invasive species? Here's an excellent explanation from the [NC Native Plant Society](#):

"Many introduced plants have become naturalized in North Carolina. Some of these have become invasive, replacing our native plant species. Our native fauna, including insects, birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, and other animals, are dependent on native plants for food and shelter. Native plant loss due to the spread of invasive, non-native plants poses a serious disruption to natural ecosystems in North Carolina and around the world. . . . When you plant a native plant, you support an entire community of native organisms."

Whether you're buying plants in local nurseries or online, be sure to check the botanical name. Often, different plants are known by the same common name, and you may not be purchasing the plant you want.



Invasive Plants in North Carolina

Identified by the NC Invasive Plant Council:

<http://nc-ipc.weebly.com/piedmont-invasive-plants.html>

Trees

Bradford Pear: *Pyrus calleryana*

Chinaberry: *Melia azedarach*

Chinese Tallow Tree: *Triadica sebifera*

Mimosa: *Albizia julibrissin*

Princess Tree: *Paulownia tomentosa*

Tree-of-Heaven: *Ailanthus altissima*

Shrubs

Autumn Olive: *Elaeagnus umbellata*

Burning Bush: *Euonymus alatus*

Bush Honeysuckle: *Lonicera maackii*

Butterfly Bush: *Buddleja davidii*

Chinese Privet: *Ligustrum sinense*

Fragrant Honeysuckle: *Lonicera fragrantissima*

Japanese Barberry: *Berberis thunbergii*

Japanese Privet: *Ligustrum japonicum*

Leatherleaf Mahonia: *Berberis bealei*

Multifloral Rose: *Rosa multiflora*

Nandina: (Sacred Bamboo) *Nandina domestica*

Russian Olive: *Elaeagnus angustifolia*

Salt Cedar: *Tamaris ramosissima*

Thorny Olive: *Elaeagnus pungens*

Trifoliate Orange: *Poncirus trifoliata*



Herbaceous Plants

Asiatic Hawsbeard: *Youngia japonica*

Beefsteak Grass: *Perilla frutescens*

Bicolor/Shrub Lespedeza: *Lespedeza bicolor*

Chinese Lespedeza: *Lespedeza cuneata*

Chinese Silvergrass (Miscanthus): *Miscanthus sinensis*

Cogongrass: *Imperata cylindrica*

Common Chickweed: *Stellaria media*

Common Reed: *Phragmites australis*

Deep-Rooted Sedge: *Cyperus entrerianus*

Fig Buttercup (Lesser Celandine): *Ficaria verna*

Garlic Mustard: *Alliaria petiolata*

Giant Hogweed: *Heracleum mantegazzianum*

Giant Reed: *Arundo donax*

Golden Bamboo: *Phyllostachys aurea*

Ground Ivy: *Glechoma hederacea*

Japanese Knotweed: *Reynoutria japonica*

Japanese Stilt Grass: *Microstegium vimineum*

Johnson Grass: *Sorghum halepense*

Old World Climbing Fern: *Lygodium microphyllum*

Purple Loosestrife: *Lythrum salicaria*

Reed Canarygrass: *Phalaris arundinacea*

Small Carpetgrass: *Arthraxon hispidus*

Tropical Soda Apple: *Solanum viarum*

Wavyleaf Basket Grass: *Oplismenus hirtellus* ssp. *undulatifolius*

Yellowflag Iris: *Iris pseudacorus*



Vines

[Bushkiller](#): *Cayratia japonica*

[Chinese Wisteria](#): *Wisteria sinensis*

[Chocolate Vine](#): *Akebia quinata*

[Clematis \(Sweet Autumn Virgin's Bower\)](#): *Clematis terniflora*

[English Ivy](#): *Hedera helix*

[Japanese Honeysuckle](#): *Lonicera japonica*

[Japanese Wisteria](#): *Wisteria floribunda*

[Kudzu](#): *Pueraria montana*

[Mile-A-Minute Vine](#): *Persicaria perfoliata*

[Oriental Bittersweet](#): *Celastrus orbiculatus*

[Porcelain Berry](#): *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*

[Puncture Vine](#): *Tribulus terrestris*

[Winter Creeper](#): *Euonymus fortunei var. radicans*

Additional Plants on US Invasive Species List

Identified by the [North Carolina Native Plant Society](#) as posing either a severe or significant threat because they are invasive in other parts of the United States. Other plants that pose less serious threats are posted on this website.

Trees

[Paper Mulberry](#): *Broussonetia papyrifera*

[White Mulberry](#): *Morus alba*

Shrubs

[Amur honeysuckle](#): *Lonicera maackii*

[Common Privet](#): *Ligustrum vulgare*

[Japanese Spirea](#): *Spiraea japonica*

[Show Fly Honeysuckle/Bell's Honeysuckle](#): *Lonicera x bella Zabel*

[Standish's Honeysuckle](#): *Lonicera standishii Jacques*

[Wine Raspberry](#): *Rubus phoenicolasius*



Herbaceous

[Ivy Leaf Speedwell](#): *Veronica hederifolia*

[Lady's Thumb \(Smartweed\)](#): *Persicaria maculosa*

[Purple Loosestrife](#): *Lythrum salicaria*

[Spotted Dead Nettle](#): *Lamium maculatum*

Ferns

[Japanese Climbing Fern](#): *Lygodium japonicum*

Vines/Groundcovers

[Balloon Vine](#): *Cardiospermum halicacabum*

[Chinese Yam](#): *Dioscorea polystachya*

[Greater Periwinkle](#): *Vina major*

[Common Periwinkle](#): *Vinca minor*

[Lonicera Sweet Breath of Spring](#): *Lonicera fragrantissima*

For more information on invasive species

- [NC Forest Service](#)
- [NC Native Plant Society](#) – includes watch lists of plants that have been identified as problematic in adjacent states but have not yet been reported in North Carolina
- [NC State Extension, Wildlife Friendly Landscapes](#)
- [NC State University, College of Natural Resources News](#) – includes information on exotic animals and insects and how they affect North Carolina
- [Nature Conservancy](#) – important information on the ecological dangers of invasive species and ways to protect the unintended spread of invasives when you're hiking, boating, or traveling

