

GT Regional Least Wanted

Top 20 invasive plant threats to ecosystems in the Grand Traverse Region

Common Name	Scientific Name
garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
japanese barberry*	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>
oriental bittersweet*	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
european swamp thistle	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>
russian olive*	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
autumn olive*	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>
bull thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
baby's breath*	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
dame's rocket*	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>
lyme grass*	<i>Leymus arenarius</i>
honeysuckle species (non-native)*	<i>Lonicera sp.</i>
purple loosestrife*	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
wild parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>
reed canary grass*	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
phragmites (non-native)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
japanese knotweed*	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
giant knotweed*	<i>Polygonum sachalinensis</i>
multiflora rose*	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>
common buckthorn*	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>
glossy buckthorn*	<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>
narrow-leaved cattail	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>

***Landscaping Plant**

Please contact the Grand Traverse Conservation District at 231.941.0960 for further information on these invasive species, native alternatives to landscaping with them and how to get involved with the Invasive Species Network (ISN).

