

CRISP Priority Invasive Plants: Status List



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This priority invasive plant status list for the Capital Region was developed by partners of the Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP). This list helps guide priorities in the region including reporting, education, invasive management and planning. Local jurisdictions of the Capital Region may have their own species status (within their jurisdiction), priorities and special concerns.

Invasive species are defined as non-native plants and animals introduced from outside of their native range that cause, or are likely to cause, economic, social and/or environmental damage.

Prevent Species:




Scientific Name	English Name	Special Concern
<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	Jointed Goatgrass	BC*
<i>Ammophila breviligulata</i>	American beachgrass	
<i>Berteroa incana</i>	Hoary alyssum	
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Flowering Rush	BC
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Starthistle	BC
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy Spurge	
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	Hydrilla	BC
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	
<i>Peuraria montana</i>	Kudzu	BC
<i>Phragmites australis ssp. australis</i>	Common Reed	BC
<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	Russian Knapweed	
<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	Dense-flowered Cordgrass	BC
<i>Spartina patens</i>	Salt Meadowgrass	BC
<i>Spartina anglica</i>		BC
<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>		BC



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Eradicate Species:

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<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Wild Chervil	
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	BC
<i>Centaurea stoebe ssp. micranthos</i>	Spotted Knapweed	
<i>Centaurea militensis</i>	Maltese Starthistle	
<i>Cytisus multifloris</i>	White-flowered broom	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Blueweed	
<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i>	Bohemian Knotweed	
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Japanese Knotweed	
<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	Giant Knotweed	
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shiny Geranium	BC
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	Giant Mannagrass	¹ Note
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Giant Hogweed	
<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	Orange Hawkweed	
<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed	BC
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Policeman's Helmet	
<i>Linaria genistifolia ssp. dalmatica</i>	Dalmatian Toadflax	
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Yellow Toadflax	
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch Thistle	
<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	Himalayan Knotweed	
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	Sulphur Cinquefoil	
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	



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Contain Species:



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<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	European Beachgrass	
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly Bush	
<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	Diffuse Knapweed	
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Black Knapweed	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum ssp. sylvestris</i>	Fuller's Teasel	
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	St. John's Wort	
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag Iris	
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	Garden Yellow Loosestrife	
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife	
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum*</i>	Parrotfeather	
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	Two-Leaf Watermilfoil	
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian Watermilfoil	
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	 
<i>Salix alba 'Vitellina'</i>	Golden Willow	
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	

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<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Goutweed	
<i>Allium vineale</i>	Field Garlic	
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	
<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>	Burr Chervil	
<i>Arctium lappa</i>	Great Burdock	
<i>Arctium minus</i>	Common Burdock	
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Bachelors Buttons	
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada Thistle	
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Bull Thistle	
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Traveler's Joy	
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Poison Hemlock	 high priority
<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>	Cotoneaster	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Common Hawthorn	
<i>Crataegus laevigata</i>	English Hawthorn	
<i>Crataegus x ambigua</i>	Russian Hawthorn	
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Cyclamen	
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch Broom	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Orchard Grass	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Sweet Fennel	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy	 mild
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Spanish Bluebell	 
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	English Bluebell	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Common St. John's Wort	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	English Holly	
<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	Yellow Archangel	
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye Daisy	
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	European Privet	

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<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	Scentless Mayweed	
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed Canary Grass	
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Cherry-Laurel	 mild
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>	Portugal Laurel	
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan Blackberry	
<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	Cutleaf Evergreen Blackberry	
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Tansy Ragwort	 
<i>Soliva sessilis</i>	Carpet Burweed	
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Common Tansy	
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Lesser Cattail	
<i>Typha angustifolia x glauca</i>	Cattail hybrid	
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	Yellow Salsify	
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Purple Salsify	
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	Wych or Scots Elm	
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Chinese Elm	
<i>Vinca major</i>	Large Periwinkle	
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Common Periwinkle	

Note: CRISP maintains a list of other invasive species that are generally widespread and/or are of lower risk but remain a concern when restoring natural areas and for other management issues.

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