



- Increases flooding erosion
- Found in disturbed sites and take over areas and seeds transported by birds and bears
- Spreads through root fragments pedalled



- Leaves are in groups of 5 or 3 large prickles
- Flowers are small white/pink
- Clusters that are stalked and 5 pedalled
- Dense shrub creates unpenetrable thickets blocking access for people and wildlife
- 3m high
- Stiff, 5-angled stems covered in large prickles
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- Flowers are small white/pink
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HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY



- About 3m high
- Yellow pea-like flowers
- Lower leavers are stalked with 3 leaflets
- and upper leaves are unstalked
- Stem is 5 angled, ridged, woody, and brown or green
- Seeds spread through air, water, along roads
- Dry sandy soil in full sun



SCOTCH BROOM

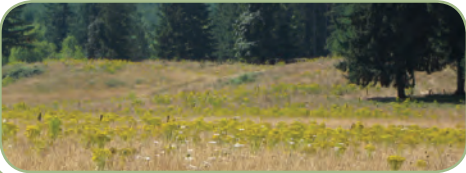


- Glossy shrub, 5-18m high
- Dark green, thick, wavy leaves with sharp spines
- Small, whitish flowers
- Reddish orange berries
- Grows from seeds
- Forms dense thickets in well drained soil
- Hogs water preventing other plants from growing

HOLLY

TANSY RAGWORT

- Bright yellow daisy like flower
- Flower heads arranged in dense, flat topped clusters and each flower has 10-15 petal-like ray flowers
- Grow to 1.2 m high
- Purplish stems are branched near the top
- Dark green leaves are ruffled and alternate
- Reproduces through seeds
- Grows in pastures, hay fields, and disturbed areas
- Reduces production of pastures, taints honey produced by bees so it can't be sold, and causes liver damage in livestock.



MORE INFORMATION

Greenways Land Trust is a conservation organization that works to enhance recreational and ecological greenways for people and wildlife.

We have workdays throughout the year to help remove invasive species from environmentally sensitive areas.

For more information on invasive species, workdays, and what Greenways does visit our website or contact us with your questions!



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LAMIUM



- Trailing groundcover
- Coarsely toothed, heartshaped leaves with silvery-grey markings
- Square stems with leaves opposite
- Spreads aggressively by seeds and vegetative runners
- It likes moist shaded sites such as ravines and is well adapted to shaded open areas

shaded open areas

- Grows over other forest dwelling plants smothering them



ENGLISH IVY



- Ground cover and climbing vine
- Leaves are dark green, white veins, waxy/leathery texture, arranged alternately. Often 5-lobed, occasionally 3-lobed,

or if it is mature, unlobed

- Clusters of small, pale yellow-green flowers
- Spreads through vegetative growth and seeds
- Infests woodlands, and other upland areas where moisture is present and soil is slightly acidic
- Climbs up trees, engulfing branches, eventually killing the tree
- Weight of vines make infested trees more susceptible to blow-over and are hazardous



PERIWINKLE



- Trailing vine, forms dense mats along the forest floor
- Green, slender, woody vines grow up to 3m long
- Glossy, dark green, oval shaped leaves about 3cm long
- Violet flowers with five pinwheel-like petals in late March/April
- Spreads vegetatively through rhizomes



- Areas with moist soil and partial sun

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

- Thrives in moist habitats, such as ditches, ponds and wetlands
- Grows up to 3m tall
- A spike of vibrant purple flowers is found at the top of the stiff, square stems
- Flowers have 5-7 petals arranged vertically
- Leaves are short, lance-shaped and opposite
- Becomes taller and bushier as it matures over the years
- Spreads through seeds and root fragments
- Aggressively crowds out native vegetation



YELLOW FLAG IRIS

- Bright, flashy plant that can grow to 1.5m
- Long, sword-like leaves with bases that fold and meet at the stem like a fan
- Yellow iris-like flowers and green pods with brown seeds
- Grows in wet areas like ditches, irrigation canals and wetlands
- Spreads through horizontal root systems and rhizomes
- Huge impenetrable thickets



KNOTWEED

- Large, woody, bamboo-like shrub
- Grows to over 3m high
- Whitish flowers in plume-like clusters along stem and leaf joints
- Stems are reddish-brown, look like bamboo and are hollow
- Dense thickets
- Spreads quickly and aggressively
- Grows along roadsides and wetlands causing bank erosion, fire hazards, and clogs waterways lowering habitat quality

