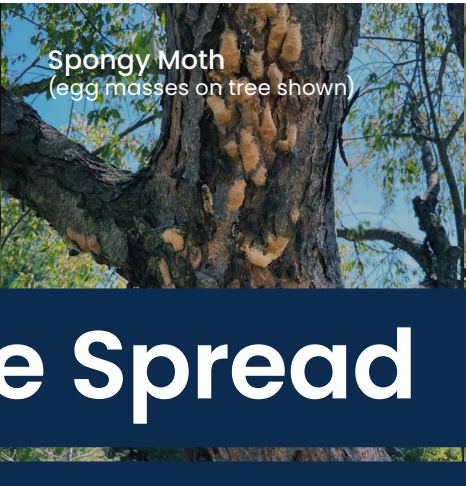


A close-up photograph of Amur Honeysuckle flowers, which are small, white, and tubular with yellow centers, growing on green leaves.

Amur Honeysuckle

A photograph of a tree trunk covered in numerous light-colored, fuzzy, spongy masses of Spongy Moth eggs.

Spongy Moth
(egg masses on tree shown)

A photograph of a branch of Common Buckthorn with green leaves and clusters of small, dark, round berries.

Common Buckthorn

Slow The Spread Of Invasive Species

A photograph of a Wild Parsnip plant with a tall, thin stem and clusters of small yellow flowers.

Wild Parsnip

A photograph of Moneywort plants with green, rounded leaves and bright yellow flowers, growing on a wooden surface.

Moneywort

A photograph of a bright green Emerald Ash Borer beetle on a piece of light-colored, textured bark.

Emerald Ash Borer

What To Know

- Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals and diseases that can cause harm to the economy, environment and human health. Invasive species impact our parks and natural areas, affecting wildlife habitat and make it difficult to enjoy nature.
- Mud or burs on shoes, clothing and pets spread invasive plant seeds, insects and diseases.
- Invasive plants tend to reproduce and grow quickly making trails impassable.
- They can degrade critical habitat that native plants and animals rely on.
- Invasive insects and diseases can kill trees.

How To Help

- ✓ Learn to recognize invasive species.
- ✓ Wear clothing and footwear that do not attract seeds.
- ✓ Stay on designated trails.
- ✓ Avoid areas where invasive species are present;
"When in doubt, stay out!"
- ✓ Clean yourself, your equipment and your dog before and after recreating.
- ✓ Properly dispose of soils, seeds or plant parts from cleaning (i.e. in the trash).
- ✓ Educate others about invasive species.
- ✓ Volunteer to help control invasive species.

Additional Resources



Wisconsin DNR - dnr.wi.gov/tiny/946

Beginners guide to invasive species awareness in Wisconsin.

- Explains what invasive species are and why people should care.
- Best practices for control, prevention or removal, rules and regulations.
- How to report new sightings.



Midwest Invasive Plant Network - dnr.wi.gov/tiny/3521

Offers a collection of resources.

- Fact sheets, books, brochures, PowerPoint presentations and free posters.
- Identify invasive plants and invasive plant look-alikes.



University Of Wisconsin - dnr.wi.gov/tiny/3516

Provides invasive species identification resources for all 114 regulated invasive plants.

- Introduction to plant identification and descriptions with pictures and videos.
- Test your ability to identify the invasive plants and earn an Invasive Plant Identification Certification.



Wisconsin State Herbarium - dnr.wi.gov/tiny/3526

Offers Identification services, collections, databases and other resources.

- Hosts online virtual flora of Wisconsin.



EDDMapS - dnr.wi.gov/tiny/3506

A web-based mapping system for documenting invasive species and pest distribution.

- Real-time tracking of invasive species; local and national distribution maps.
- Electronic early detection reporting tools.
- Library of identification and management information.
- Available as mobile app.



iNaturalist - dnr.wi.gov/tiny/3511

Connecting people to nature and advancing biodiversity science and conservation.

- Uses photos and sounds to identify, record and map your observations.
- Collaborate with others to share information and access data collected by other iNaturalist users.
- Has specific projects for invasive species established in Wisconsin.
- Available as mobile app.