

## WISCONSIN'S REGULATED INVASIVE PLANTS

Wisconsin statutes define invasive species as “...**non-indigenous species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.**”

There are far more plants in Wisconsin that satisfy the above definition than are shown on this handout. Not all invasive plants are of the same concern everywhere. Some are more troublesome in agriculture areas than in the Northwoods and vice versa. This handout identifies priority plants; those representing serious environmental harm in Oneida and Vilas Counties. Some are already well established in the two county area while others are less common. Furthermore, this handout does not include some of the invasive plants already common in north central Wisconsin because, while they meet the definition of invasive, they are more of a nuisance than a serious threat in this part of the State.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Administrative Rule NR 40, adopted in September, 2009, provides regulations for invasive species. Invasive plants are classified in the rule as either “**Restricted**” or “**Prohibited**”. Generally speaking, “Restricted” plants are already common and the likelihood of eradicating them from the Wisconsin landscape is poor. “Prohibited” plants are generally not yet present or are at an early enough stage of becoming established that eradication is still possible. Some plants are split listed, meaning they are restricted in some areas of Wisconsin and prohibited in others.

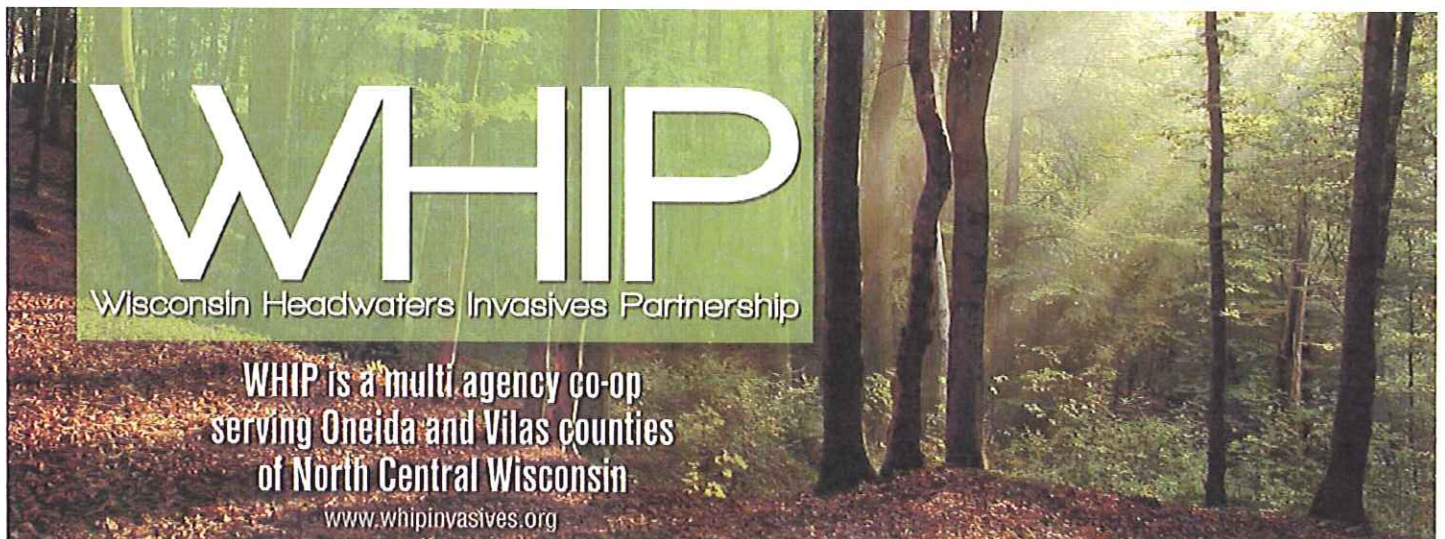
The rules for “Restricted” and “Prohibited” species are mostly the same with an important distinction for the “Prohibited” category. Neither can be imported, transported or transferred (sold) in Wisconsin (unless an exemption or permit is issued by the WDNR). The rule does not mandate that “Restricted” plants be removed or managed in any way, although management is encouraged. However, “Prohibited” plants must be removed or managed by the land owner/manager. The WDNR has authority to issue orders mandating compliance with all aspects of the rule.

NR 40 is explained further on the WDNR website at:  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification/>

NR 40 can be viewed in its entirety at:  
<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/rsb/code/nr/nr040.pdf>

A Field Guide to Terrestrial Invasive Plants in Wisconsin summarizes and depicts the non-aquatic plants classified as invasive in NR 40. The guide is available at a nominal fee from several sources including the Land & Water Conservation Departments at the Oneida and Vilas County Courthouses.

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# Priority Invasive Terrestrial Plants of Oneida and Vilas Counties, WI

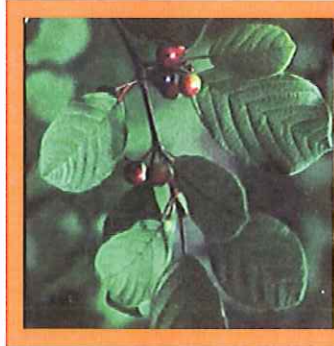
For more information about invasive plants, contact Oneida or Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Departments:

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Common buckthorn (tree)  
Restricted



Glossy buckthorn (shrub)  
Restricted



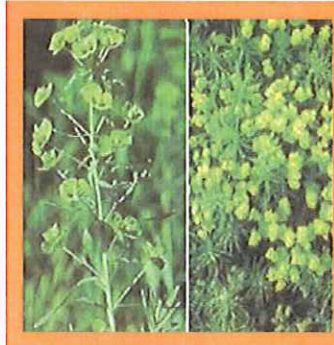
Non-native bush honeysuckles (shrub)  
Restricted



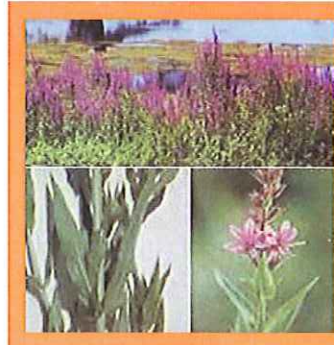
Garlic mustard (forb)  
Restricted



Japanese knotweed (forb)  
Restricted



Spurge: Leafy & Cypress (forb)  
Restricted



Purple loosestrife (forb)  
Restricted



Phragmites (grass)  
Restricted



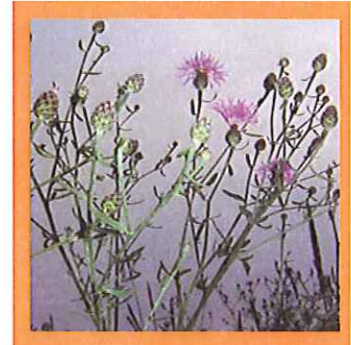
Wild parsnip (forb)  
Restricted



Oriental bittersweet (vine)  
Restricted



Non-native thistles (forb)  
Restricted



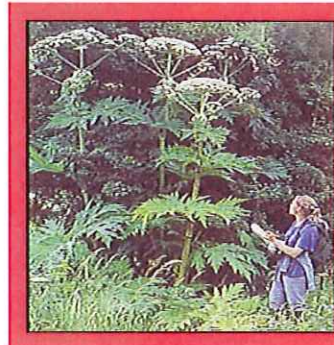
Spotted knapweed (not thistle)  
Restricted



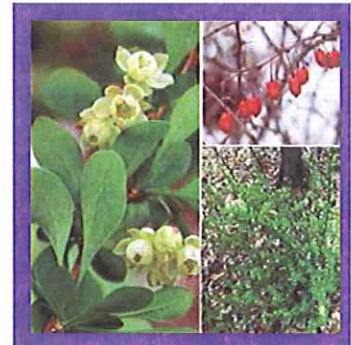
Wild chervil (forb)  
Prohibited



Japanese stilt grass (grass)  
Prohibited



Giant hogweed (forb)  
Prohibited



Japanese Barberry  
Cautionary (not yet regulated)

See reverse for explanation of "Restricted" and "Prohibited"

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