

## **Invasive Species Information**

Invasive species are non-native plants that disrupt natural ecosystems and cause environmental and economic harm by crowding out native plants thereby altering the way that plants, animals, soil and water interact within native ecosystems. The introduction of invasive species often has negative impacts on entire ecosystems in addition to the harm that one plant species experiences.

For additional information on Invasive Species, please visit the following resources:

[Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group](#): The Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group(CIPWG)'s mission is to provide information about the presence, distribution, ecological impacts, and management of invasive species. CIPWG strives to promote native and non-invasive alternatives. Visit CIPWG's website to access educational tools, workshops, and to learn more about invasive species removal events throughout CT.

[CT DEEP](#): The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's invasive species webpage offers fact sheets on common invasive species throughout CT and lists additional statute information on invasive species management. Visit their website for more information.

[CT Forest & Park Association](#): The Connecticut Forest & Park Association is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting forest, parks, walking trails, and open spaces in Connecticut for future generations. The Connecticut Forest & Park Association has [produced flash cards](#) on common invasive species in Connecticut complete with descriptions and pictures. Visit the above link to access the flash cards.