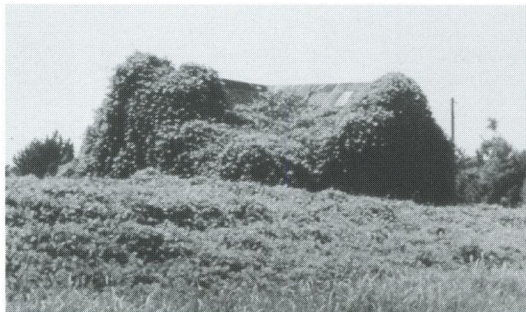


WEED READS

The Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds recently published a book entitled *Invasive Plants: Changing the Landscape of America*. The author, Randy Westbrooks, details the problem of exotic plants on croplands, gardens, rights-of way, rangelands, forests, deserts, and wetlands. There are few places on the continent today that are not damaged in some way by exotic species, and awareness of the problem continues to grow. The emphasis of Exotic Pest Plant Councils is primarily on natural areas, but these are often fragmented and easily invaded by exotics from many sources.

The publication can be ordered from the Government Printing Office Superinten-

dent of Documents (via credit card, e-mail, regular mail, via phone, or by stopping by a United States Government Bookstore). Request item 024-001-03607-0. The price is \$15.00 within the United States, and \$18.75 outside the US. Discount pricing is available for quantity orders. [Http://refuges.fws.gov/FICMNEWFiles/FactBook.html](http://refuges.fws.gov/FICMNEWFiles/FactBook.html). —Kristine Johnson



Exotic plants are changing America's landscape! Photo by Bill Kline.

Life Out of Bounds—Bioinvasion in a Borderless World is a must-read for anyone professionally involved with resource management and for anyone concerned about the environment. The book covers the biological invasion of fields, forests, waters, and islands, which the author refers to as evolution

“..... forestry has introduced at least 2,000 exotic woody plant species into various parts of the world.

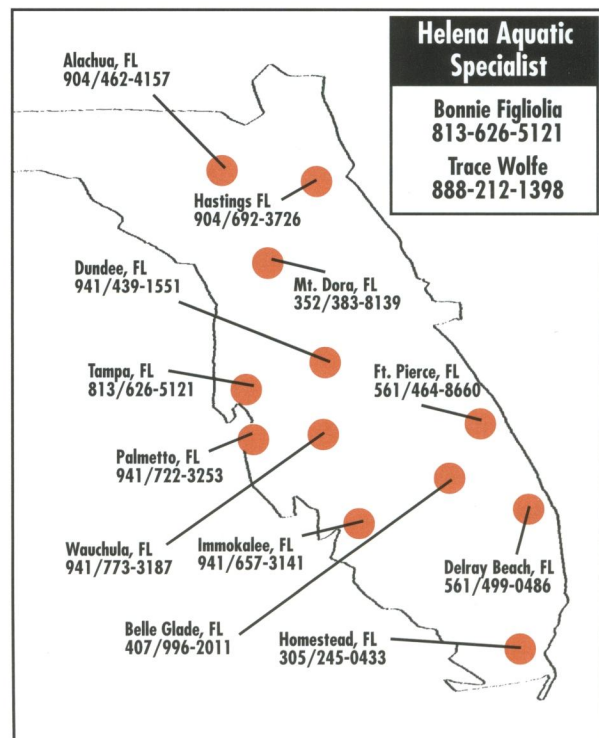
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