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FLORIDA EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL





FLORIDA EPPC

Chair: Dennis Giardina, Florida Fish & Wildlife
Conservation Commission

Immediate Past Chair: James Burch, Big Cypress
National Preserve

Treasurer: Dianne Owen, Florida Atlantic University

Secretary: Hillary Cooley, Everglades National Park

Editor: Karen Brown, University of Florida

Eight board members.



FLORIDA EPPC

- Publish *Wildland Weeds* magazine bi-annually
- Publish *FLEPPC List of Invasive Plant Species* biennially
- Publish Invasive Species Management Plans (e.g. *Australian Pine Management Plan, 2013*)



FLORIDA EPPC

- Host an annual conference every spring
- Different locations around the state
- Have co-hosted with
 - Florida Native Plant Society
 - Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 - Southeast EPPC!!



FLORIDA EPPC

- Sponsor annual Education & Outreach Grants
- Sponsor Graduate Student Research Grants
- Approximately 100 members



FLORIDA EPPC

We welcome you all to Panama City Beach!!



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Sweet Home Alabama

Stephen Enloe





ALABAMA IPC

11th Annual Conference – May 8th

- 150 in attendance
- Topics ... Eucalyptus, Liriope, English ivy and tallotree control, cogongrass ARRA grant, ID of newly listed plants, aquatic plant ID and control, kudzu bugs and EDDMapS, and pythons





PLANT THE
EPPCs
STRIKE BACK
WARS



Panama City Beach, FL

May 21 - 23, 2013



ALABAMA IPC

October 17, 2013
Alabama Invasive Plant Council
Fall meeting Weeks Bay Reserve
Fairhope, AL





Alabama Extension Invasiv...

Timeline

Now



Alabama Extension Invasive Plant Page

92 likes · 15 talking about this

University

This page is dedicated to invasive plants of the Southeastern US and hay and pasture weed control in Alabama



92

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GEORGIA EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL





GEORGIA EPPC

- Annual meeting: November 2012
 - Douglas Tallamy as keynote speaker
 - Vendors
 - Door prizes



GEORGIA EPPC

- NISAW: Set public outreach goals
 - Designed set of informational posters
 - Delivered sets of posters to over 100 state parks, schools and libraries across Georgia



GEORGIA EPPC

- Working with University of Florida to deliver educational materials on invasive species to teachers and students in Georgia
 - “Lakeville” student role-play ecology game
 - Classroom ready curriculum



GEORGIA EPPC

- Raised funds to print second edition of Homeowner's Guide
- Elected new officers for 2013



Kentucky EPPC

By Jody Thompson

KY EPPC Vice President



KENTUCKY EPPC

Update of Invasive Plant List

- Started in January 2012
- Sent spreadsheets with ranking criteria to state plant experts
- 3 regional meetings to gather extra input from spreadsheets
- Final committee reviewed input
- Draft list pending board approval



Plants that may be added as a “severe threat” include:

- *Achyranthes japonica* – Japanese chaff flower
- *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata* – Porcelain berry
- *Clematis terniflora* – Leatherleaf clematis
- *Lonicera fragratissima*, *L. standishii* – bush honeysuckle
- *Lysimachia nummularia* – Moneywort
- *Ranunculus ficaria* – Lesser celandine
- *Rhamnus cathartica* – European buckthorn



KENTUCKY EPPC

KENTUCKY'S LEAST WANTED! PLANTS 2013



AUTUMN OLIVE (*Elaeagnus umbellata*) is a thorny branched deciduous shrub growing up to 20 feet. It has bright green to grey green leaves with silvery speckled undersides. Leaves are alternate, 2 to 3 inches long and 1 inch wide with entire and wavy margins. Clusters of small, pale yellow tubular flowers are abundant from mid to late spring. Fruits are red and spotted with silvery scales. Each fruit has one seed, ripening in the fall. Autumn olive invades old fields, woodland edges, and other disturbed areas. It can form a dense shrub layer which displaces native species and closes open areas. Autumn olive is native to China and Japan and was introduced into North America in 1830. It has been widely planted for wildlife habitat, mine reclamation and shelterbelts. It is a nitrogen fixer and can thrive on very poor soils. The closely related Russian olive (*Elaeagnus argentea*) is also common in Kentucky but is quite invasive in western states. Russian olive differs by growing larger (a small tree to 30 feet), having narrow willow-like foliage that is silvery above and below, silvery stems, and much larger olive shaped fruit that is yellow-brown with silvery surface scales.

NATIVE ALTERNATIVES



COMMON ELDERBERRY (*Sambucus canadensis*) is a 5-12 foot suckering shrub native to the eastern U.S. While it is often found along streams and in wet ditches, it tolerates a variety of soils and grows in full sun to partial shade. In the summer it produces cymes of white flowers 6-10 inches across that attract a variety of pollinators. Dark purple to black berries form by September, providing food for songbirds, small mammals, and people who use them for jams and wine. Once established, it is fairly low maintenance and can be cut back to maintain its boundary.

BLACK CHOKEBERRY (*Aronia melanocarpa*) is a multi-stemmed shrub native to most of the eastern U.S. It grows to about 6 feet tall, occasionally 10 feet. It will grow in most garden soils, growing best in full sun or partial shade. In May, the shrub produces clusters of white flowers often tinged with pink. Black berries follow in the fall that will persist into early winter if not eaten by birds. The leaves turn shades of dark red and purple in the fall. This shrub establishes well from container stock, is resistant to pests, and tolerates drought and pollution. The shrub naturally spreads by suckers so it is best utilized in clumps or along borders.

BLACKHAW VIBURNUM (*Viburnum prunifolium*) is a large, deciduous shrub that often reaches mature heights of 15-20 feet; it can grow taller if pruned as a tree and given extra care. Blackhaw is native to much of the eastern U.S., but its distribution becomes more scattered in the southern states. It grows best in moist, well-drained soils but will tolerate drier sites. In late spring, it produces 2-4 inch white flower clusters followed by bluish fruit that peak in early fall. When grown in full sun, blackhaw can flower heavily and produce showy red to purplish fall color, proving that many native plants are as colorful as non-natives in the landscape.

To heighten awareness of invasive plants that threaten Kentucky's native biodiversity, a Least Wanted plant will be featured in the Spring of each year with suggested alternatives.

KENTUCKY'S LEAST WANTED PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY:

BERNHEIM ARBORETUM & RESEARCH CENTER
PROMOTING ALTERNATIVES TO INVASIVE LANDSCAPE PLANTS

KENTUCKY'S NATIVE ALTERNATIVES TO INVASIVE PLANTS

A GUIDE FOR LANDSCAPERS AND GARDENERS





KENTUCKY EPPC

Events and Programs:

- April 3rd: 3rd Conference on Invasion Biology, Ecology, and Management – “Where we were, Where we are, and Where we should be”
- Helping with the Kentucky Native Plant Society’s Stewardship Certification course
- Increasing regional activity throughout KY to include more partners



MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER UPDATE





MISSISSIPPI EPPC

President Elect – Aaron Hayek

Treasurer – Julie Marcy

Members – Approx. 40





MISSISSIPPI EPPC



Cogongrass, Dr. Charles Bryson

**Chapter is a partner with
Mississippi Cooperative Weed
Management Area**

No 2013 activities.

***Chapter is undergoing re-
organization***



NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UPDATE





NORTH CAROLINA IPC

- Hosted 2013 Annual meeting at Fort Fisher Carolina Beach (60 in attendance). The meeting agenda emphasized invasive plant issues on the coast.
 - The membership of NC-EPPC voted to change the organization's name to NC-IPC (North Carolina Invasive Plant Council)
 - Elected new officers and Board members



NORTH CAROLINA IPC

- NC-IPC continues to promote and support an aggressive EDRR Program
 - The 2012 detection of congongrass in Pender County illustrates the need for effective EDRR programs.
- Established committee to plan Invasive Species Awareness Week activities and develop resources we can provide to groups who want to make their own presentations on invasive species
- Developing new NC-IPC displays to highlight our mission at events



NORTH CAROLINA IPC



NC-IPC President Rick Iverson presents Charlotte Glen, NC Cooperative Extension Agent Agriculture – Horticulture, with the Excellence in Action Award for her early detection efforts in identifying and reporting Cogon Grass in Pender County



NORTH CAROLINA IPC



Rick Iverson presents Melanie Doyle, Conservation Horticulturist at the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher, and Dale Suiter, USFWS, with Excellence in Action awards in recognition of their extensive work with the Beach Vitex Task Force.



NORTH CAROLINA EPPC

Officers:

President

Jim Burke, NC Cooperative Extension

Vice President

Rob Emens, NCDENR Division of Water Resources

Secretary

Colleen Bockhahn, Wake County Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Treasurer

Melanie Doyle, NCDENR Aquarium at Ft. Fisher



SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER UPDATE





Board meeting held 2/8/2013

- New President and Vice President elected
- New Board Members at Large elected
- SCEPPC Annual Conference tentatively scheduled September 12, 2013 near Fort Mill, SC at the Ann Springs Close Greenway: www.leroysprings.com



Board of Directors

- **President:** Ben Powell, Clemson Extension Service, bpowel2@clemson.edu
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- Interested in one-two more board members affiliated with nursery industry or SCDOT



SC Cogongrass Survey

Visit www.clemson.edu/for/cogongrass to:

- Sign-up as a volunteer.
- Download a survey packet which includes all instructions and materials.
- Learn who the contacts are around the state.
- Download training materials and other resources if needed.



TENNESSEE EPPC UPDATE





TENNESSEE EPPC

INVASIVE CONTROL INITIATIVE

Invasive Plant Control along Greenways Task-Force:

TN EPPC members Kris Johnson and Alix Pfennigwerth are working with the City of Knoxville to create an invasive management plan along 50+ miles of public greenways.





TENNESSEE EPPC

INVASIVE LIST UPDATES

Potential invasive plants:

We are collecting a list of potential nonnative plants for consideration at our next round of list updates.

