

ALIPC's Bits and Pieces

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If you are not currently a member of ALIPC we hope you will find the information provided valuable and will consider membership with our organization. To join simply go to the web address provided <http://www.se-eppc.org/alabama/membershipltr.pdf> or click on <http://www.se-eppc.org/> and follow the links for Alabama.

Introduction

Hello all, it has been a little while since we have sent out a newsletter, so there is a lot of information to share with you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for all the support that you give to ALIPC. Without you the members (you) there would not be an ALIPC. So again, thank you!! Also, if there are any particular articles or topics that you would like to see covered in this newsletter I encourage you to let us know. We are here to help you continue the fight on Invasive Plants!! -- Jacob Hodnett

Annual Meeting

Just a heads up to make sure you get the Annual meeting on your calendar. It will be held at the Alabama 4-H center in Columbiana, AL on May 8th. This year's meeting will be back to a one day meeting. The agenda is nearing completion and we will send it out as soon as it is finalized. Pesticide and other continuing education points will be available.

SE-EPPC Annual Meeting

The Florida and Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Councils are holding a joint annual symposium at the Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach from May 21st through May 23rd. If you're interested in presenting a paper or poster at the meeting, the deadline for abstract submission is Feb 15. Please note there is a Student Poster Competition with cash prizes. For more information: <http://www.fleppc.org/Symposium/2013/> .

Free Invasive Plant Webinars!

The following webinars are part of the Invasive Plant Control, Inc. free webinar series. This will be an ongoing series with talks changing monthly so come back frequently to check on new talks. To register go to www.invasiveplantcontrol.com. Click on the ipcwebsolutions logo and using the calendar, click more details on the webinar you would like to register for. Below is a list of upcoming webinars. Note that registration is required.



- Strategies for Partnership Development
- Foreign Pest Exclusion at National Ports
- Invasive Species Management on Military Installations
- Survey, Detection, Data Management, and Reporting. - The Landscape Approach to Early Detection and Rapid Response
- Miracle Plant; Dangerous Beauty; An Invasive Species - A Kudzu Primer - The Story of a Species; the History of Invasion in the US
- Session 2 - Introduction to Invasive Species - Examples of the Worst Invaders, Ecological and Economic Impacts, and Major Pathways of Spread.
- Rapid Assessment of Confirmed new Exotic Species. - The Landscape Approach to Early Detection and Rapid Response
- Managing Invasives during Difficult Economic Times
- High Profile Invasive Species that are Spread in Global Commerce and Trade - Invasive Species that may be Encountered at Ports of Entry
- Operational Performance of the Herbicide Ballistic Technology (HBT) Helicopter Platform

ALIPC Activities

ALIPC Invasive Plant List Updated - The ALIPC plant list, available on the ALIPC web page, was updated in 2012 and the changes approved by the ALIPC Board of Directors. Each of the new additions (listed below) received a ranking of 2, indicating that the plant occurs as scattered individuals or scattered dense infestations. Species were also added to the Watch Lists. Species on Watch List A include those that have recently appeared in Alabama as free-living populations and/or are invasive in nearby states but their status in Alabama is unclear, and the plant has the potential, based on its biology and colonization history, to become invasive in Alabama. Species on Watch List B include those that are cultivated in Alabama and have a documented history of invasiveness in other areas of the Southeast and/or are listed globally in habitats similar to those in the southeast. Further information about identifying features, known distributions and potential impacts will be posted on the web page in the near future.

- Chinese parasol tree (*Firmiana simplex*)
- lantana (*Lantana camara*)
- sweet breath of spring (*Lonicera fragrantissima*)
- bigleaf periwinkle (*Vinca major*)
- common periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)
- pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*)
- rattlebox (*Sesbania punicea*)
- Brazilian elodea (*Egeria densa*).

Species added to the Watch List A:

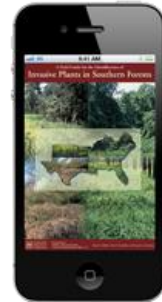
- Japanese chaff flower (*Achyranthes japonica*)
- Japanese ardesia (*Ardisia japonica*)
- Australian-pine (*Casuarina equisetifolia*)
- tropical bushmint (*Hyptis mutabilis*)
- water clover (*Marsilea* spp.)
- brittleleaf naiad (*Najas minor*)
- curlyleaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*)
- sawtooth oak (*Quercus acutissima*)

Species added to Watch List B:

- Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
- paper mulberry (*Broussonetia papyrifera*)
- purple beautyberry (*Callicarpa dichotoma*)
- Japanese beautyberry (*Callicarpa japonica*)
- winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)
- Japanese spirea (*Spiraea japonica*)
- Chinese elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*)

Mapping infestations of the newly added species, especially those on the Watch Lists, on EDDMapS (<http://www.eddmaps.org/>), is encouraged to allow further documentation and understanding of the status of these species in Alabama.

A Message for iPhone and Android Users - A free APP is now available for on-the-go invasive plant mapping. Called SEEDN (short for Southeast Early Detection Network), the app was developed as a part of the EDDMapS project. Reporting literally takes only a minute or two. A lengthy list of species, with descriptions and photographs to aid with ID is provided. Unknown or unlisted plants can be mapped as well. Download it today at <http://apps.bugwood.org/apps.html> and help keep track of the spread of invasive plants in Alabama! Occurrences of species on the Watch Lists are especially noteworthy.



You can also download a free copy of '*Invasive Plants in Southern Forests: Identification and Management*' for your iPhone or iPad.

Invasive Plants on Facebook - Keep up with invasive plant developments in Alabama on the new 'Alabama Extension Invasive Plant Page', developed and maintained by Extension Specialists Stephen Enloe and Nancy Loewenstein.



New publication - Below is a link to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Store that will take you to the new *Field Guide to Identification of Japanese Stiltgrass*. Copies can be downloaded for free. All sorts of other publications can also be found at the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Store.

<https://store.aces.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=17611>

A collection of Extension '**Timely Information Sheets**' pertaining to invasive plant control can be found at: <http://www.aces.edu/anr/crops/haypastweedcontrol.php>

On a topic related to invasive plants, check out the 'Don't Move Firewood' webpage with a lot of timely information about insect and disease pests ... many of which are spread in fire wood.

<http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/>



National Invasive Species

Awareness Week is March 3-8. In addition to events in Washington, DC others around the country will be holding events ... you can too! For more info: <http://www.nisaw.org/>

If you have interesting stories, on the ground projects, or other "bits and pieces" you would like to share with other members of the Alabama Invasive Plant Council please forward the information to me (jmhodnett@dow.com) and we'll try to include it in the next release of ALIPC's "Bits and Pieces" newsletter.