

Georgia EPPC *by Brian Arnold, Secretary*

Members of GA-EPPC have been participating in events to increase awareness of non-native invasive plants throughout the state. Efforts include the Georgia Green Industry Association (GGIA) Wintergreen and Winterschool, at which GA-EPPC members provided an “Invasive Non-Native Plant Control Workshop” targeting professionals in the Green Industry. Members also provide an “Alien Invaders” display booth and provide presentations to the general public, and meet with elementary and high school classes in an effort to educate future leaders.

GA-EPPC’s Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2010 at Zoo Atlanta. Along with other objectives, the meeting will be used to demonstrate the financial losses that can occur when invasive plants are not managed. Damon E. Waitt, Senior Botanist at the University of Texas Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, will be the keynote speaker. Aside from disseminating information via direct contact, current goals of GA-EPPC include updating the website and the list of non-native invasive plants, and creating a speakers bureau to provide more opportunities to inform the public about non-native invasive plants in Georgia.

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NC-EPPC Update *by Rick Iverson, President*

NC-EPPC co-sponsored its first Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) training session on May 22 in Wilmington, NC. Other sponsors were Cape Fear ARCH Conservation Collaboration and North Carolina Coastal Reserve. Attendees included representatives from local government, state agency staff, students, and citizens.

NC-EPPC has finalized an EDRR target weed list and plan and will post them on the website with corresponding fact sheets soon. A joint annual meeting is planned with the NC Vegetation Management Association in Raleigh on December 8-9. An NC-EPPC communications plan also is in the works with Debbie Crane leading the effort.

Megan Malone was selected to receive the 2010 NC-EPPC \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is provided to encourage students to pursue a graduate degree and to support research in the area of invasive plant science. Megan is pursuing an M.S. degree in Natural Resource Science. She has demonstrated a keen interest in invasive plant science as well as leadership and a very high degree of academic achievement. Her thesis title is “A comparison of the vegetation and soils of North Carolina piedmont stream restoration projects and their reference sites.”



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IveGot1.org – Reporting and Tracking Invasive Species in Florida

IveGot1.org is Florida’s new portal to the Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (EDDMapS). EDDMapS was designed to provide an accurate picture of the distribution of invasive species, and assist land managers in setting priorities for early detection and rapid response (EDRR). It has been successful in developing more complete local, state and regional level distribution data on invasive species, and identifying leading edge ranges of new invasive species threats. It also is used to help corroborate threats and refine invasive species lists.

“Report Cards” were recently produced to publicize the IveGot1 portal and to introduce users to some of the data entry steps when invasive species are spotted. IveGot1 cards are intended for those involved in active detection networks. Sightings may be reported on invasive plants, insects, mollusks, fish, reptiles, mammals, amphibians, birds, crustaceans, and arachnids. Go to www.IveGot1.org to report invasive species sightings, view distribution maps and species information, create a My EDDMapS application, and to view Tools and Training Materials. Invasive animals in Florida can also be reported using a toll-free phone number: 1-888-Ive-Got1.

To request a supply of IveGot1 cards, contact a Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) at <http://www.floridainvasives.org/>.

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