

## Invasive Species Discouraged-From-Use List

The following plants have either been determined invasive or suspected of being invasive and should be avoided if possible.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes	Reference
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	horsechestnut	Populations have been found in south end of Hendricks Park and this species is known to be problematic in other cities.	1
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	anchusa; common bugloss	Exploding in large patches roadside and in woods in western Benton County. Also known recently from Lane and Clackamas counties.	1, 3
<i>Cotoneaster franchetii</i>	cotoneaster	Occurring in native prairies and woodland edges. ( <i>Cotoneaster franchetii</i> , <i>C. horizontalis</i> , <i>C. parneyi</i> , etc. Best to avoid all cotoneasters.)	1
<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>	cotoneaster	Occurring in native prairies and woodland edges. ( <i>Cotoneaster franchetii</i> , <i>C. horizontalis</i> , <i>C. parneyi</i> , etc. Best to avoid all cotoneasters.)	1
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	eastern redcedar	Birds eat berries and spread seeds.	1
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	common privet	Birds eat fruits and spread plants into woods and prairies.	1
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	honesty; money plant	Invasive in forest understories.	1
<i>Melissa officinalis</i>	lemon balm	Widespread weed in native prairies and openings in woods.	1
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	common forget-me-not	Can dominate forest understories, especially openings and on edges.	1
<i>Prunus domestica</i>	plum	Not as invasive as <i>P. avium</i> .	1
<i>Pyracantha</i> spp.	fire thorn	Birds eat fruits and spread plants into prairies. <i>P. angustifolia</i> , <i>P. coccinea</i> , et al.	1
<i>Pyrus communis</i>	pear	This species appears occasionally in prairie areas and shrub/scrub communities throughout town.	5
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	watercress	Chokes out small waterways on the valley floor.	1, 3
<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	evergreen blackberry	Not as invasive as <i>R. armeniacus</i> , but still forms dense clumps.	1, 3
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	European mountain-ash	Appearing in west Eugene wetlands and uplands. Birds spread seed.	1, 3
<i>Vinca major</i>	periwinkle; vinca	Mostly near old homesites -- they appear to spread vegetatively only. Completely dominates understories.	1
<i>Vinca minor</i>	periwinkle; vinca	Mostly near old homesites -- they appear to spread vegetatively only. Completely dominates understories.	1, 3

## References

- Invasive Gardening and Landscaping Plants of the Southern Willamette Valley, Native Plant Society of Oregon, Emerald Chapter, 2001.
- Oregon's Quarantine Against Noxious Weeds, Oregon Department of Agriculture.
- Draft of Exotic Pest Plants of Greatest Ecological Concern in Oregon and Washington; May 23 1997, The Pacific Northwest Exotic Pest Council.
- NW Oregon most harmful invasive plant species list: based on information provided at & before the October 10, 2001 meeting in Salem BLM, Bureau of Land Management, Salem District, 2001.
- City of Eugene staff recommendation based on resources utilized to remove from parks, open spaces and waterways.

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