

# INVASIVE SPECIES INFORMATION and CONTROL



Invasive species, both plant and animal, create many problems for our native plant and wildlife communities and have a high economic cost to our agricultural, timber, and tourist industries.

## What Are Invasive Species?

- ✦ Did not grow here naturally
- ✦ Spread at a rapid rate
- ✦ Have few natural controls

## Why Are They a Problem?

- ✦ Reduce biodiversity that is part of our natural heritage
- ✦ Destroy high-quality wildlife habitat
- ✦ Harm native plant communities
- ✦ Limit reproduction and growth of trees
- ✦ Interfere with enjoyable hunting, fishing, bird watching, and other recreational pursuits
- ✦ Costly for agriculture and land managers
- ✦ Lessen the aesthetic value of our Northwoods area



## What Can You Do?

- ✦ Learn to identify invasive species and native species
- ✦ Clean seeds and soil from shoes, clothes, pets, and equipment after riding trails, hiking, mowing, or biking
- ✦ Make sure your boat is clean before moving it
- ✦ Use native plants or non-invasive plants in your landscaping
- ✦ Remove invasive plants from your property

## Who Can Help?

- ✦ Contact the Taylor County Land Conservation Department
  - 715.748.1469
  - 925 Donald St Rm 104, Medford WI 54451
  - [cathy.mauer@co.taylor.wi.us](mailto:cathy.mauer@co.taylor.wi.us)
- ✦ Taylor County is part of the Upper Chippewa Invasive Species Cooperative, which covers Price, Rusk, Sawyer, and Taylor Counties.

Go to [Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin \(IPAW\)](#) website for more information on invasive plants.

## WHAT WE DO

- raise public awareness of the problems caused by invasive species
- help people learn to identify invasive species
- stop the spread; control hot-spots
- identify potential new invasive species
- track the location and degree of invasive species infestations in our region
- work with students and other groups on invasive species awareness and control
- help landowners find resources to eliminate invasives on their land



Infestations, such as this garlic mustard, limit the growth of tree seedlings.

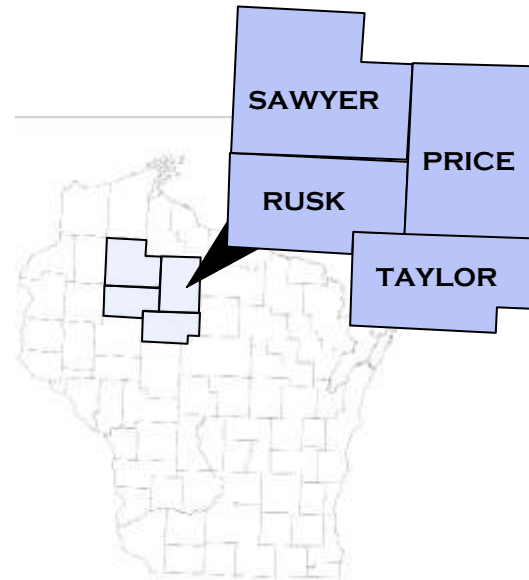
## WHO WE ARE

The Upper Chippewa Invasive Species Cooperative welcomes individuals as well as representatives of community organizations and local, state, and national government to join the effort to combat invasive species problems in North Central Wisconsin. The Cooperative serves Price, Rusk, Sawyer, and Taylor Counties and is open to all interested parties.

## Participating Agencies & Organizations:

- USDA – Forest Service
- Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
- Price, Taylor, Rusk, & Sawyer Counties
- Pri-Ru-Ta RC&D Council, Inc.
- UW-Extension
- Waterways Associations

*With help from individuals and conservation groups.*



Protect the future of Wisconsin's forests, wetlands, and waterways

**– stop invasive species**

## WHAT IS A NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES?

**Non-native species are ones that did not grow here naturally.** They may have been brought in as garden plants or for conservation purposes, hitchhiked on vehicles or footwear, or stowed away with other plants or in ship ballast water.

**Invasive species spread at a rapid rate.** They are especially good at competing with other species and may eventually displace native species. Invasive plants often produce large numbers of seeds or have very aggressive root systems.

**Invasive species usually have few natural controls** such as insects, fungi, diseases, or predators in their new area. The lack of controls allows them to crowd out native species.



Garlic Mustard



Purple Loosestrife

## WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES?

### Invasive species cause problems.

They:

- reduce the biodiversity that is part of our natural heritage
- destroy high-quality wildlife habitat
- harm native plant communities
- limit reproduction and growth of trees
- interfere with enjoyable hunting, fishing, bird watching, and other recreational pursuits
- are costly for agriculture and land managers
- lessen the aesthetic value of our Northwoods area

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Learn to identify invasive species.
- Clean seeds and soil from shoes, clothes, pets, and equipment after riding trails, hiking, mowing, or biking.
- Make sure your boat is clean before moving it to a different lake or stream.
- Use native plants or plants that will not spread easily when planning your landscaping.
- Remove invasive plants on your property. Be careful not to spread the seeds or plant parts that might resprout.
- Join the Upper Chippewa Invasive Species Cooperative to get more involved in addressing invasive species problems.



Non-Native Honeysuckle

## IF YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO HELP OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION:

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Taylor County LCD: 715-748-1469