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1. New Invaders Alerts

DeKalb County

Winged burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*) <http://www.eddmaps.org/review/point.cfm?id=3175466>

2. Garlic Mustard Challenge

By now garlic mustard is no longer in bloom and will soon set seed if it has not already been pulled. For those partners who hosted garlic mustard pulls/work days and would like to participate in the Garlic Mustard Challenge please send your totals (in pounds or gallons) to the NIIPP Coordinator at cathy.mcglynn@niipp.net. Thank you!

3. Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month Awards

Congratulations to the following organizations and people! Thank you for all that you do!

Midwest Groundcovers, LLC., Business of the Year Award

Pat Charlebois, IL-IN Sea Grant, Professional of the Year

Marilyn Leger, Central Illinois Master Naturalist and Invasive Species Taskforce, Volunteer of the Year

JoDaviess Conservation Foundation, NW Illinois Strike Team, Professional Organization of the Year

Susan Shelton, Litchfield High School and Shoal Creek Volunteers, Educator of the Year

4. Funding opportunities

Pulling Together Initiative 2014 – Pre-proposals are due July 1, 2014. Check here for more details <http://www.nfwf.org/pti/Pages/2014rfp.aspx>

Natural Resources Conservation Service – Regional Conservation Partnership Program

USDA Sec. Vilsack was in Michigan today with Sen. Debbie Stabenow to announce a new Regional Conservation Partnership Program, which was authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. Under Secretary Robert Bonnie mentioned this upcoming action when he was in Wisconsin earlier this month.

The program will competitively award funds for conservation projects designed by local partners for specific regions. Critical conservation areas in the Forest Service's Eastern Region include: the Great Lakes region; the Chesapeake Bay Watershed; and the Mississippi River Basin.

See the press release below for more info.

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2014/05/0104.xml&contentidonly=true>

More information about the requirements for project submission can be found here

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/>

Proposals are due July 14, 2014

5. Invasive Plant of the Month – Giant hogweed vs. cow parsnip

I originally ran this section in the August 2013 Bulletin, but I have received several reports of giant hogweed in the last few weeks that turned out to be cow parsnip so I thought it would be helpful to provide a refresher.

Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) grows up to 15 feet tall and has leaves that are 2.5 to 3 feet wide and deeply cut with sharp, coarse teeth along the margins. Its stem is 2-4 inches in diameter, hollow, ridged, and covered with reddish purple splotches and coarse hairs (hairs are especially prevalent where leaves attach to the stem). Flowers are white and umbrella-shaped, have 50 or more rays, are up to 2.5 feet wide, and bloom in late June to mid-July.



Photo taken from
<http://www.hamilton.ca/CityDepartments/PublicWorks/Parks/Hogweed+identification.htm>

Cow parsnip (*Heracleum maximum*) grows up to 10 feet tall and has leaves that are 2 – 2.5 feet wide and less deeply cut with smoother margins. Its stem is green and ridged with fine, soft white hairs with a diameter of 1-2 inches. Flowers are white and umbrella-shaped, have 15-30 rays per flower, are up to 1 foot wide, and bloom in late May to late June.



Photo taken from www.livingafield.com

Additional resources:

Giant Hogweed

<http://www.hamilton.ca/CityDepartments/PublicWorks/Parks/Hogweed+identification.htm>

<http://www.newinvaders.org/species/gianthogweed.pdf>

Giant Hogweed vs. Cow Parsnip

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/72766.html> (cow parsnip and other look-alikes mentioned)

<http://illinoiscapsprogram.blogspot.com/2013/05/giant-hogweed-identification-and.html>

<http://www.gnb.ca/0168/GiantHogweed.pdf> (cow parsnip and other look-alikes mentioned)