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### 1. New Invader Alerts

#### Lake County, IL

1 report of brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) in Lake County, IL observed on February 18, 2014 Lake County, IL [http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=9328&id=us\\_IL\\_17097](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=9328&id=us_IL_17097)

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### 2. Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund

Proposals for large and small grants are **due April 1<sup>st</sup>!** Click here for more information [http://www.dnr.state.il.us/grants/special\\_funds/wildgrant.htm#Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/grants/special_funds/wildgrant.htm#Illinois%20Wildlife%20Preservation%20Fund)

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### 3. Chicago Flower and Garden Show

Will be held at Navy Pier in Chicago from March 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year's theme is "Do green. Do good." <http://www.chicagoflower.com/> NIIPP and IL-IN Sea Grant will be giving talks about invasive ornamental plants <http://www.chicagoflower.com/ed-seminars.php>. Please stop by booth #430 and visit us if you decide to attend.

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### 4. Illinois Lakes Management Association – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

ILMA is hosting their annual conference at the Timber Creek Convention Center, Sandwich, IL on April 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> <http://www.ilma-lakes.org/?q=ilma-29th-annual-conference>

Sessions topics include Invasive Species: Pathways and Prevention and a workshop on Nuisance Aquatic Plant Identification and Treatment.



## 5. Regional Native Plant Sales

Please keep in mind that Lake County Forest Preserve District will be hosting a native plant sale the weekend of May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

[http://www.lcfpd.org/preserves/index.cfm?fuseaction=preserves.viewActDetail&object\\_id=38451](http://www.lcfpd.org/preserves/index.cfm?fuseaction=preserves.viewActDetail&object_id=38451)

And Conserve Lake County will be hosting their native plant sale the weekends of May 17, 18, 19; May 24, 25, 26; May 31, June 1, 2; and June 7, 8, 9. You can also preorder plants online!

<http://www.conservelakecounty.org/native-plant-sale>

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## 6. Midwest Invasive Plant Network/Ohio Invasive Plant Council Invasive Plant Symposium

presentations have been posted on the MIPN website <http://www.mipn.org/2013Symposium.html>

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## 7. Call for Abstracts for Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference

The third biennial Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference will be held on October 20-22, 2014 in Duluth, MN at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. For more information please click on this link

[http://www.umisc2014.org/?utm\\_source=UMISC+2014+Save+the+Date&utm\\_campaign=umisc+save+the+date&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.umisc2014.org/?utm_source=UMISC+2014+Save+the+Date&utm_campaign=umisc+save+the+date&utm_medium=email)

Abstracts submissions are now being accepted. **Deadline is April 7<sup>th</sup>.** <http://www.umisc2014.org/call-for-abstracts.html>

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## 8. NAIPSC webinars

Once again the North American Invasive Plant Short Course will be hosting webinars. For more information head to this link

[http://ipscourse.unl.edu/?utm\\_source=NAIPSC+All&utm\\_campaign=f691eb0334-NAIPSC11\\_11\\_2013&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_d91c35fdb4-f69](http://ipscourse.unl.edu/?utm_source=NAIPSC+All&utm_campaign=f691eb0334-NAIPSC11_11_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d91c35fdb4-f69)

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## 9. Invasive Plant of the Month – Plumeless thistle

Plumeless thistle (*Carduus acanthoides*) was discovered in Indiana last summer. It is a biennial herb that overwinters as a rosette with 4-8 inch long leaves. Second year plants grow 1- 4 feet tall and their stems are covered with spiny wings (the entire length). Leaves are deeply lobed with each lobe having one to three marginal spines. *C. acanthoides* blooms in May – July with clusters of three to five flowers per stem. Flowers are usually purple, but may be yellow or white. It is listed as Noxious Weed in Arkansas and Colorado and a Primary Noxious Weed in Iowa. This thistle tends to invade ditches, roadsides, pastures, rangelands, crops, and the banks of waterways.

Video for identification:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoPOqMOquzA&list=PLF35785BFF9AE7921&index=4>

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Other resources

Bugwood.org <http://www.invasive.org/browse/subinfo.cfm?sub=3400>

Invasive Plants of the Eastern U.S.

<https://dnr.state.il.us/Stewardship/cd/biocontrol/21PlumelessThistle.html>



