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### **1. New Invader and EDDMapS Alerts –**

#### **McHenry County, IL**

Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)

[http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3414&id=us\\_IL\\_17111](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3414&id=us_IL_17111)

#### **Ogle County, IL**

Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) [http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3405&id=us\\_IL\\_17141](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3405&id=us_IL_17141)

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### **2. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NIIPP Meeting – October 8th**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual NIIPP meeting will take place at the Arbor Room, Thornhill Center, at the Morton Arboretum on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Come on out to network and learn about regional projects! The agenda and a registration form are available on our website at

<http://www.niipp.net/niipp-4th-annual-meeting>

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### **3. Butterflies, Bees, and Urban Pollinator Conservation Event – October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for this exploration of the challenges today's pollinators face in the city and beyond. The event will be held at the Field Museum, Ward Hall, 1400 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago IL, 60605

A special joint Field Museum-University of Chicago event, featuring:

Victoria A. Wojcik, Conservation Program Manager, Post-doctoral lecturer in Biology at UC Berkeley and Research Director at Pollinator Partnership

Emily Minor, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences at University of Illinois-Chicago and director of Urban Pollinator Project

Ralph Grundel, US Geological Survey ecologist at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The event is 5:30-7:00pm, but there will be tables set up at 5pm in front of Ward Hall with museum staff sharing information about pollinators, a sneak peak at some of local beetle collections, and information on native landscaping to improve habitat for pollinators.

Please access Ward Hall at 1400 South Lake Shore Drive through the West museum doors. Visit the Field Museum website for directions, public transportation options, and parking information <http://www.fieldmuseum.org/>.

Please RSVP here: <http://pge.uchicago.edu/events/2014-2015/141006-between-the-buildings>

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#### **4. Updated Plant Family Page on the Field Museum Website**

Six more families have been added to the existing fourteen: Cyperaceae, Iridaceae, Juncaceae, Poaceae, Polemoniaceae, and Violaceae.

Illustrator: Kathleen Garness

Botanists Linda Curtis (author of Woodland Sedges of Northeastern Illinois) and Morton Arboretum's Andrew Hipp (author of Field Guide to Wisconsin Sedges) edited the Carex family page; Stephen Packard (founding director, Audubon Chicago Region) edited the Grasses page; Kay Yatskievych from the Missouri Botanic Garden edited the Iris page; Rebecca Collings from the Field Museum edited the Phlox family page; and Dr. Harvey Ballard Jr. edited the Violaceae.

<http://idtools.fieldmuseum.org/guides/guide/503>

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#### **5. Registration still open for UMISC Conference 2014**

The Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference in Duluth, MN is still accepting attendees. Late registration is open until October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please click here to learn more

<http://www.umisc2014.org/registration.html>

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#### **6. Restoration Webinar Series 2015**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) are excited to be continuing their partnership on the Restoration Webinar Series in 2015.

Over the last year, restoration biologists from all over the country have showcased new approaches, best management practices and innovative restoration techniques and provided solutions to some of our biggest habitat restoration challenges.

[Click here](#) to visit the Restoration Webinar Series recording archive.

Now it is your turn to share your experience, expertise and innovative technologies with the restoration community. We are looking for presentations between 30 and 40 minutes in length with approximately 20 minutes for questions/discussion. The format is flexible and could range from a single presenter to a panel of presenters. Presentations can be given from your office or field station, all you need to participate as a presenter is a high-speed internet connection and telephone (preferably a land line).

If you (or a group of your colleagues) are interested in presenting, please [click here](#) to submit a presentation title, abstract, and name and affiliation of the presenter(s).

Note: If you have trouble with the link (i.e. it the link goes directly to “thank you for taking the survey”), you may need to copy and paste it directly into your web browser.

If you are not interested in presenting, but know of someone doing great restoration work on the ground that might be interested in presenting their research, please send their contact information to Matthew Patterson at [matthew\\_patterson@fws.gov](mailto:matthew_patterson@fws.gov) (304-876-7473) or Nina Garfield at [nina.garfield@noaa.gov](mailto:nina.garfield@noaa.gov) (301-563-1171).

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## 7. National Invasive Species Awareness Week 2015

February 22 – 28, 2015

PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS ACROSS THE NATION to raise awareness and identify solutions to invasive species issues at local, state, tribal, regional and national scales. Locate an invasive species event in your state or county. Plan your own event using the NISAW Toolkit – where and when it works for you!

Plan to attend 3 days of events during NISAW 2015 in Washington DC:

- NISAW Awards Ceremony
- Reception and Briefings on Capitol Hill
- Expert Webinars on prevention, early detection and rapid response and control
- Expert Webinar on USDA grants for work on invasive species
- Federal Agency Invasive Species Program “Open House”
- Invasive Species Kids Day

Check [www.nisaw.org](http://www.nisaw.org) for the NISAW Toolkit for planning local events and the NISAW Event Locator – as well as more specific dates, details, and further developments!

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Participating organizations: The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species, the University of Georgia, the Environmental Law Institute, the Weed Science Society of America, National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Councils, the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, the Federal Interagency Committee on Noxious and Exotic Weeds, and many others.

For those interested in helping with NISAW's organization. Task teams for DC-related events are currently being formed, while supporting materials for local events will be available on the website. See contact information above.

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## **8. Invasive Plant of the Month – Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*)**

Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*) is a deciduous tree that is native to Europe. John Bartram supposedly brought this plant to Philadelphia in the late 1700's and found that it did very well in urban environments. He then provided the tree to other cities. Norway maple is still a "go to" tree for urban environments and poor soils. It grows 40-90 feet tall and forms a dense canopy that shades out native seedlings. Norway maple leafs out and produces seed earlier than other maples and its wind dispersed seeds help it invade forests and forest edges. In addition it is well adapted to soil extremes (sand, clay, or acid) and has shallow roots that compete with other plants. Its leaves are simple, opposite, dark green, 5"-7" with 5 lobes and the leaf petioles have a milky sap. Leaves turn golden yellow in autumn and it should be very easy to find this tree soon, if not right now!

Resources

[http://niipp.net/?page\\_id=530&id=ACPL](http://niipp.net/?page_id=530&id=ACPL)

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/acpl.htm>

[http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive\\_plants/weeds/norway-maple.pdf](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/weeds/norway-maple.pdf)

[http://www.columbia.edu/itc/cerc/danoff-burg/invasion\\_bio/inv\\_spp\\_summ/Acer\\_platanoides.html](http://www.columbia.edu/itc/cerc/danoff-burg/invasion_bio/inv_spp_summ/Acer_platanoides.html)



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