

Invasive Exotic Plants of the South Ridgeline Study Area

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Invasive Exotic Plant Species tend to form monocultures, or become dominant with 20% cover or more within a short time in any plant community. There likely will be a few additional species that could be listed here, as this is meant not to be an exhaustive list, but a list of the most common invasive species. Also, some species may grow in other habitats than the one they are listed under (i.e., Armenian blackberry grows in all these habitats).

IMPORTANT NOTE: The first group (in italics, below) is so widely established, there is no need to list them individually on a field data sheet under "Invasives" in the herb layer section. Instead, merely list "SPI" for "Standard Prairie Invasives."

I. SPECIES OF PRAIRIE/MEADOW, SAVANNA & WOODLAND HABITATS (UPLAND TO MESIC)

<i>Invasives – Herbs (established: do not list!)</i>	Common name
<i>Agrostis: capillaris, stolonifera</i>	<i>Bentgrass: colonial, creeping</i>
<i>Aira caryophyllea var. caryophyllea</i>	<i>Silver hairgrass (tiny; often beneath other plants)</i>
<i>Anthoxanthum odorata</i>	<i>Sweet vernalgrass</i>
<i>Bromus: diandrus, hordeaceus, secalinus, sterilis</i>	<i>Brome: ripgut, soft, rye, sterile</i>
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	<i>Hedgehog dogtail</i>
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	<i>orchardgrass</i>
<i>Daucus carota</i>	<i>Queen Anne's Lace, wild carrot</i>
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	<i>Tall fescue</i>
<i>Geranium: dissectum, molle</i>	<i>Geranium: cutleaf, soft</i>
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	<i>False dandelion, cat's ear</i>
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	<i>Oxeye daisy</i>
<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	<i>medusahead</i>
<i>Vicia: cracca, hirsuta, sativa, tetrasperma</i>	<i>Cat peas, hairy vetch, common vetch, slender vetch</i>
<i>Invasives – Shrubs (established)</i>	Common name
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	<i>Scot's broom</i>
<i>Rosa eglanteria; multiflora</i>	<i>Rose: sweetbriar, multiflora</i>
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	<i>Armenian blackberry (aka Himalaya blackberry)</i>
<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	<i>Evergreen blackberry</i>
<i>Invasives – herbs & shrubs (new invaders)</i>	Common name
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	<i>Tall oatgrass</i>
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	<i>False brome</i>
<i>Lathyrus: latifolius, sylvestris</i>	<i>Perennial sweetpea, narrowleaf pea</i>
<i>Cotoneaster, Pyracantha, Ligustrum, Prunus, Pyrus</i>	<i>Ornamental shrubs/trees: cotoneasters, pyracanthas, privets, cherries, pear</i>

II. SPECIES OF PRAIRIE/MEADOW, SAVANNA & OPEN WOODLAND HABITATS (MESIC TO WETLAND)

Invasives – Herbs (Established)	Common name
Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle
Holcus lanatus	Velvetgrass
Parentucellia viscosa	Parentucellia
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed canarygrass

III. SPECIES OF FOREST HABITATS

Invasives – Herbs (established)	Common name
Hedera helix/hibernica	English/Irish ivy
Lactuca muralis	Wall lettuce
Lapsana communis	Nipplewort
Melissa officinalis	Lemon mint
Ranunculus repens	Creeping buttercup
Invasives – Herbs (new invaders)	Common name
Brachypodium sylvaticum	False brome
Geranium: lucidum, robertianum	Geranium: shining, Robert's (aka stinky Bob)
Invasives – Shrubs (new invaders)	Common name
Daphne laureola	Spurge laurel
Ilex aquifolium	English holly
Prunus: laurocerasus, lusitanica	Laurel: English, Portugal
Invasives – Trees (new invaders)	Common name
Acer platanoides	Norway maple
Aesculus hippocastanum	horsechestnut
Prunus avium	Sweet (or Mazzard or bird) cherry
Prunus domestica, cerasifera	Plum: garden, Thundercloud
Umbellularia californica	California bay laurel