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Invasive Plant Information

Invasive Plant Atlas of New England (IPANE): The site for information on the distribution of invasive plants in New England. Volunteers are surveying the New England landscape for invasives and their findings are available here. The site also has information on invasive plants and helpful photos for identification. <http://www.ipane.org>

Federal Noxious Weed Program: Website of federal program for the preventing the introduction of invasive nonindigenous plants into the United States. <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/weeds/>

The Nature Conservancy's Wildland Invasive Species Team: The mother lode information on invasive plant species on the web. Management abstracts and management notes for many species. You can sign up to an e-mail list-serve and receive updates on news on invasive species management. <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/>

Invasive Plant Council of New York State: This site has information on common invasive plants in New York, including contacts for information on control measures and projects. <http://www.ipcnys.org/>

Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group: Good facts sheets and other information on invasive plants. <http://www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg/>

National Park Service Weeds Gone Wild - Alien Plant Invaders of Natural Areas: A web-based project of the Plant Conservation Alliance's Alien Plant Working Group, that provides information for the general public, land managers, researchers, and others on the serious threat and impacts of invasive alien (exotic, non-native) plants to the native flora, fauna, and natural ecosystems of the United States. <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/index.htm>

Natural Resources Conservation Service Plants Database: The Plants Database provides standardized information about the vascular plants, mosses, liverworts, hornworts, and lichens of the U.S. and its territories. It includes names, plant symbols, checklists, distributional data, species abstracts, characteristics, images, plant links, references, crop information, and automated tools. <http://plants.usda.gov/>

General Invasive Species Issues

National Agricultural Pest Information System: This site contains links to a great deal of information on pests, including insects, diseases, and invasive plants. Click this link to reach an alphabetical list of pest species. Click on the pest species you are interested to reach a list of links to sites with information on that pest. <http://www.ceris.purdue.edu/napis/pests/index.html>

Invasive.org: An archive of invasive and exotic species images. <http://www.invasive.org/>



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Invasivespecies.gov: The official US government site on invasive species. It provides information on the national response to invasive species. You can find the national management plan, species profiles, and information on management. This site also contains information on grant programs.

<http://www.invasivespecies.gov/>

Institute for Biological Invasions: This site has a very comprehensive list of links on invasive species, organized by type of organization, geography, and taxa.

<http://invasions.bio.utk.edu/>

U. S. Geological Survey Invasive Species Node: Provides information on a variety of invasives and invasives issues under the National Biological Information Infrastructure.

<http://invasivespecies.nbi.gov/>

Aquatic Invasives Information

Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation: A nonprofit corporation dealing with control of invasive aquatic plants. Contains information on common aquatic invasives and herbicides used for their control.

<http://www.aquatics.org/index.html>

The Aquatic Plant Management Society: An international organization of scientists, educators, students, commercial pesticide applicators, administrators, and concerned individuals interested in the management and study of aquatic plants. Publishes the Journal of Aquatic Plant Management.

<http://www.apms.org/index.htm>

Aquatic Plant Management in Lakes and Reservoirs: This site contains a handbook on aquatic plant management prepared for the US EPA by the North American Lake Management Society and the Aquatic Plant Management Society. Includes information on aquatic plant biology and management.

<http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/hoyerapm.html>

USGS Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Database: This site houses reports of nonindigenous aquatic species. You can search by taxa or by state.

<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/>

Sea Grant Nonindigenous Species Site: This is a national information center that contains a comprehensive collection of research publications and education materials produced by Sea Grant programs and other research institutions across the country on zebra mussels and other aquatic nuisance species.

<http://www.sgnis.org/>

Pesticide Information

Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau: The website of the agency that regulates pesticides and licenses pesticide applicators in Massachusetts.

<http://www.mass.gov/agr/pesticides/index.htm>



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US EPA Pesticides Website: Information on pesticides including environmental effects, health and safety, regulations, and chemistry.

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>

EXtension TOXicology NETwork (EXTOXNET): Provides information on the health and safety and environmental effects and fate of many common pesticides.

<http://pmep.cce.cornell.edu/profiles/extoxnet/>

Where to find Material Safety Data Sheets on the Internet: Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) provide important information about potentially hazardous or toxic materials, including pesticides. This site provides links to sites where you can download the MSDS for such materials.

<http://www.ilpi.com/msds/>

UMASS Landscape, Nursery & Urban Forestry: This site provides on plant pests, integrated pest management, pesticides, and plant culture.

<http://www.UMassGreenInfo.org>

Integrated Pest Management

UMASS Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Site: Information on IPM in Massachusetts and links to organizations and industries involved in IPM.

<http://www.umass.edu/umext/ipm/>

Bio-integral Resource Center: Source of publications on non-toxic and least-toxic, integrated pest management (IPM) solutions to pest problems.

<http://www.keyed.com/birc/index.html>

Invasive Insects

The Bugwood Network: Information on the fields of entomology, forestry, forest health and natural resources. This site includes a good deal of information on forest pests, invasive species, and biological control.

<http://www.bugwood.org/>

US Forest Service Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Website: A good site for information on the adelgid. Includes links to other adelgid websites.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/na/morgantown/fhp/hwa/hwasite.html#>

Regulatory Agencies and Information

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection: <http://www.state.ma.us/dep/dephome.htm>

Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game: http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dpt_toc.htm



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Massachusetts Department Conservation and Recreation Lakes & Ponds Program:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/waterSupply/lakepond/lakepond.htm>

Massachusetts Department Agricultural Resources: <http://www.mass.gov/agr/index.htm>

Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office: <http://www.state.ma.us/envir/mepa/index.htm>

Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management: <http://www.state.ma.us/czm/czm.htm>

Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs: <http://www.state.ma.us/envir/>

Massachusetts Natural Heritage Program: <http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/nhesp.htm>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/region01/>

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/>

Miscellaneous Sites

Integrated Taxonomic Information System: Partnership of federal agencies created to provide scientifically credible taxonomic information.

<http://www.itis.usda.gov/>

TNC Fire Initiative: Home page for fire management. Lots of links relating to prescribed burning and fire ecology.

<http://www.tncfire.org/>