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# INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES IN MINNESOTA

LEARN ABOUT THE HARMFUL NON-NATIVE PLANTS THAT  
POSE SERIOUS RISKS TO MINNESOTA'S ECOSYSTEMS

Sources: Minnesota DNR, Minnesota  
Department of Agriculture, MAISRC



## BUCKTHORN

**FOUND IN:** Forests, yards, roadsides, & parks.

**PROBLEMS:** Grows in dense thickets, crowding out native plants and out-competing for nutrients, lights, resources.

**CONTROL:** No "natural control", like insects and disease to slow its growth.

## GARLIC MUSTARD

**FOUND IN:** Woodlands, forests, & roadsides.

**PROBLEMS:** Its aggressive growth can impede natural forest regeneration, threaten forest health & biodiversity.

**CONTROL:** It's important to remove before they flower, as they spread by seeds.



## WILD PARSNIP

**FOUND IN:** Roadsides, forest edges, & fields.

**PROBLEMS:** It spreads rapidly, displacing natural wildlife & plant habitats. It's also poisonous, and causes burns to skin.

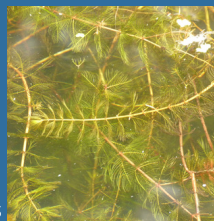
**CONTROL:** Wear protective clothing & gloves when removing to avoid direct contact.

## EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

**FOUND IN:** Rivers & lakes.

**PROBLEMS:** Forms dense surface mats, limiting water activities, overtaking habitats, & creating unfit habitats for animals.

**CONTROL:** Clear all aquatic plants from watercrafts



## CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED

**FOUND IN:** Over 750 MN rivers & lakes.

**PROBLEMS:** Forms dense surface mats, limiting water activities & hinders growth of native plants.

**CONTROL:** Clear all aquatic plants from watercrafts