

Potential Invaders of Non-native Plants in Delaware

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The list below contains non-native plants that have not yet been documented in the state of Delaware, but are known from some, or all the surrounding states of Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia [based on state invasive species lists and the Flora of the Southeastern U.S. (Weakly 2024)]. These species are to be looked for in Delaware and when encountered, control methods should be employed before the species becomes widespread and well established.

Species Name	Common Name	Life Form	MD	NJ	PA	VA
<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Amur Maple	Tree (deciduous)		x	x	x
<i>Aldrovanda vesiculosa</i>	Water Wheel	Herb (carnivorous)	x	x		x
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	European Alder	Shrub (deciduous)	x	x	x	x
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Gieant Reed	Grass	x		x	x
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Greater Flowering-rush	Herb			x	
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	Broad-winged Thistle	Herb	x	x	x	x
<i>Carex macrocephala</i>	Large-head Asian Sedge	Sedge		x		
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	Fragrant Virgin's Bower	Vine (herbaceous)		x		
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampasgrass	Grass	x			
<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i>	Cutleaf Teasel	Herb	x	x	x	x
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	Thorny-olive	Shrub (deciduous)				x
<i>Eleutherococcus sieboldianus</i>	Five-leaf Aralia	Shrub (deciduous)	x	x	x	x
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Hairy Willow Herb	Herb		x	x	x
<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>	Small-flowered Hairy Willow Herb	Herb		x	x	x
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	Professor Weed	Herb	x	x	x	
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Giant Hogweed	Herb	x	x	x	x
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	European Frog's-bit	Herb		x	x	
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>	Cogon grass	Grass	x		x	x
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	China-berry	Tree (deciduous)				x
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	Nandina	Shrub (evergreen)	x	x	x	
<i>Phellodendron lavalleyi</i>	Lavalle Corktree	Tree (deciduous)			x	
<i>Phyllostachys aureosulcata</i>	Yellow Groove Bamboo	Grass	x		x	x
<i>Phyllostachys bambusoides</i>	Japanese imber Bamboo	Grass	x		x	
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Chinese Pistachio	Tree (deciduous)	x			x
<i>Prunus tomentosa</i>	Nanking Cherry	Tree (deciduous)	x			
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	Giant salvinia	Aquatic Fern	x			x
<i>Stellaria pallida</i>	Lesser Chickweed	Herb	x			x
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	English Elm	Tree (deciduous)	x	x	x	
<i>Vincetoxicum rossicum</i>	Dog-strangling Vine	Vine (herbaceous)		x	x	
<i>Wisteria floribunda</i>	Japanese Wisteria	Vine (woody)	x	x	x	x
<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	Japanese Zelkova	Tree (deciduous)		x	x	x