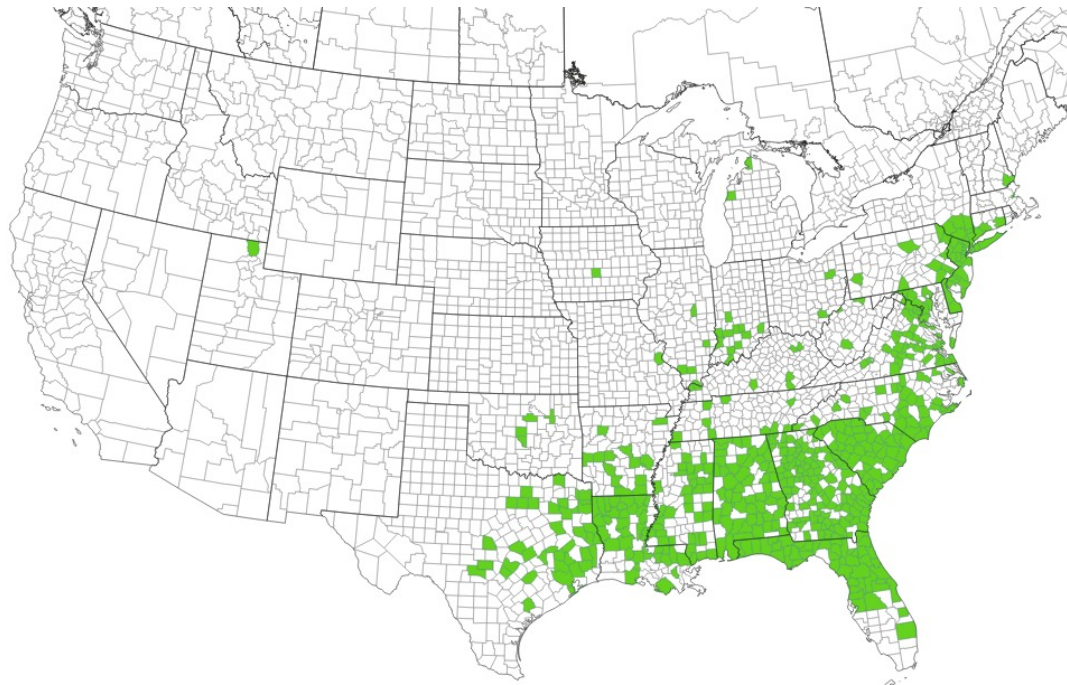


# Wisteria (*Wisteria* spp.)



- Twining legume vines with pinnately compound leaves and hanging clusters of fragrant flowers
- Habitats they invade:
  - Forests
- Status
  - Wisconsin: Prohibited (not escaped here yet)
  - Not regulated in neighboring states



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# Wisteria (*Wisteria* spp.)

*Leaves alternate, pinnately compound*

- Leaves with 7-19 leaflets
- Leaves to 12" long
- Stems twining



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# Wisteria (*Wisteria* spp.)

## *Flower/fruit*



- Flowers lavender to purple, to 1" long, pea-like
- Flowers borne in hanging clusters; spring
- Flowers fragrant and very showy
- Fruit is a velvety legume



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# Wisteria look alike



Wisteria (*Wisteria* spp.) are unlike any other climbing legumes in Wisconsin. Although some **native** legumes are vines, **none** have the combination of **woody, twining stems, hanging clusters of lavender to purple flowers, and velvety legumes.**

Two species of wisteria are regulated in Wisconsin: Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*) and Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*).

Species	Leaflet number	Flowering pattern	Flower size
Chinese wisteria ( <i>Wisteria sinensis</i> )	7-13	Flowers opening nearly simultaneously	to 2.5 cm long
Japanese wisteria ( <i>Wisteria floribunda</i> )	13-19	Flowers opening from the base to the tip over time	1.5-2 cm long

