





# **Invasive Plants**

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# What is an invasive plant?

- Naturalized non-native plants
- Growing or spreading rapidly
- Cause or have potential to cause harm



Invasive Dame's rocket

# Why do we care about invasive plants?

- Invasive plants impact our lands and lives
  - 1. Economics
  - 2. Environment
  - 3. Human Health







## What are we doing to reduce spread/impact

- Research
  - Management options
  - Predicting spread/suitable habitat
  - Revegetation/restoration
- Education/Outreach
  - Tools
  - Factsheets
  - Presentations/workshops

Empowering people to help!



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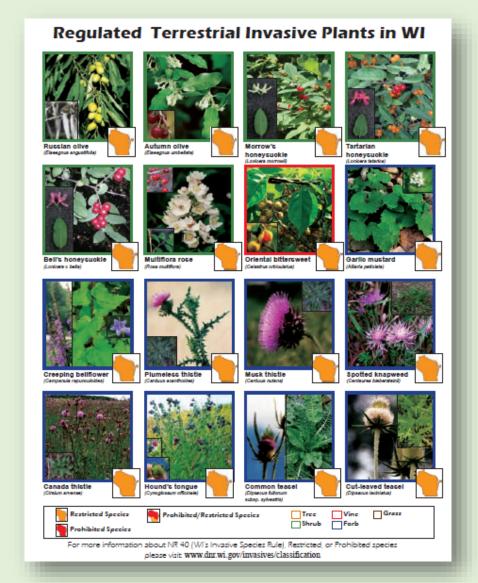


A statewide citizen science network for invasive species monitoring and education

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# Wisconsin's Invasive Species Rule-NR40

- Education about invasive species
- Goal to prevent introduction and spread
- Over 200 species listed as ether "Prohibited" or "Restricted"



## NR40 Classification

# PROHIBITED



- Not yet established or only in pioneer stands
- •No person may transport (import/ move), possess, transfer (buy/ sell) or introduce a prohibited species without a permit

### RESTRICTED



- Already established in state
- No person may transport (import/ move), transfer (buy/ sell) or introduce a restricted species without a permit

#### **PROHIBITED**



#### **RESTRICTED**





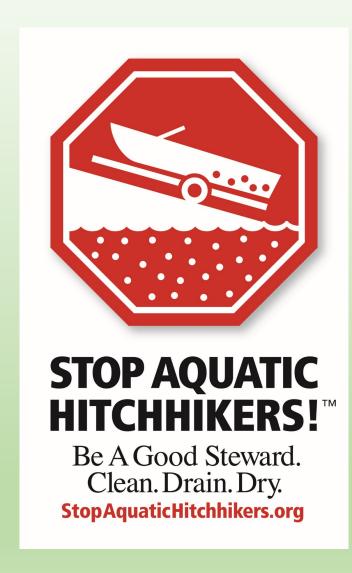


Find the list of regulated species at dnr.wi.gov, search "NR40"

# How do invasive plants spread?

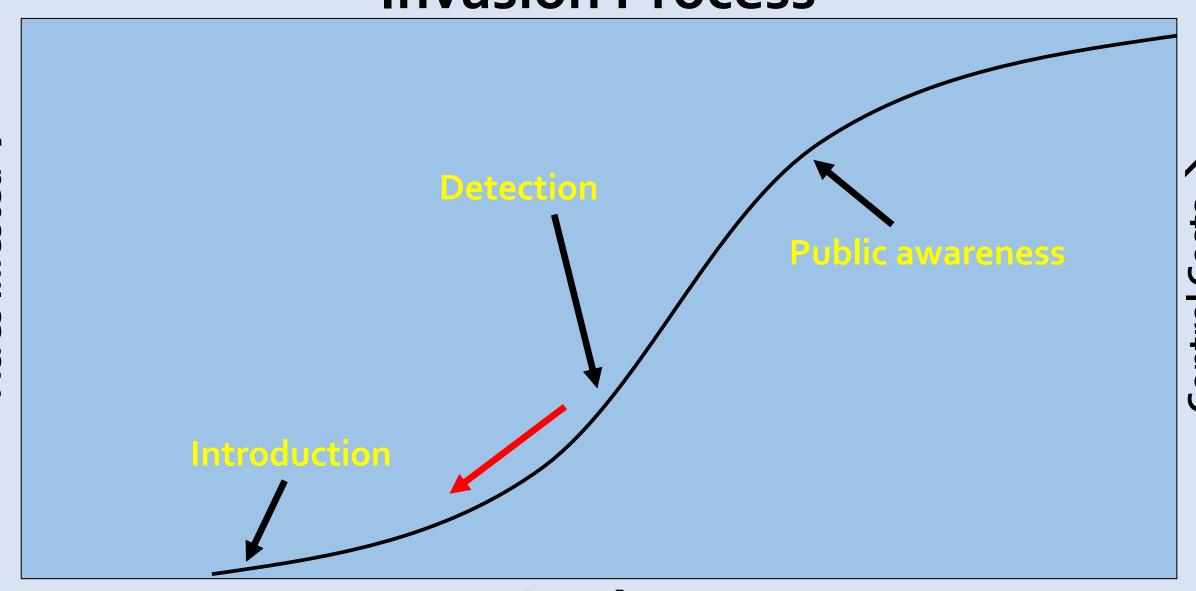
- Humans/pets
- Recreational equipment
- Vehicles, boats, mowers
- Plant nurseries/sales







## **Invasion Process**



Time →

# Citizen Science+ Monitoring

"The involvement of the public in scientific research"

- Citizen Science Association



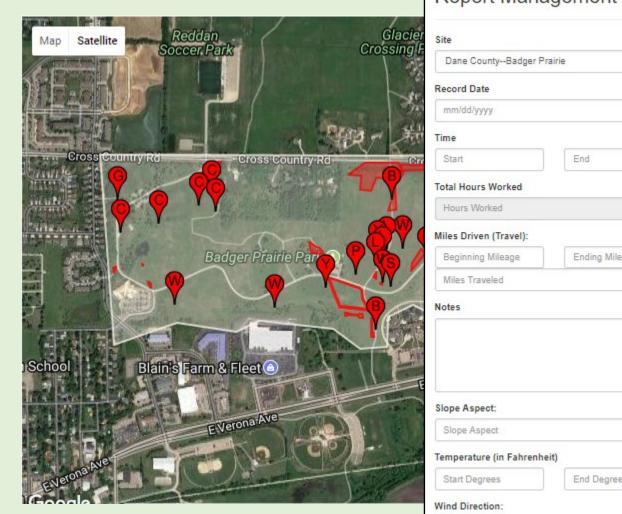
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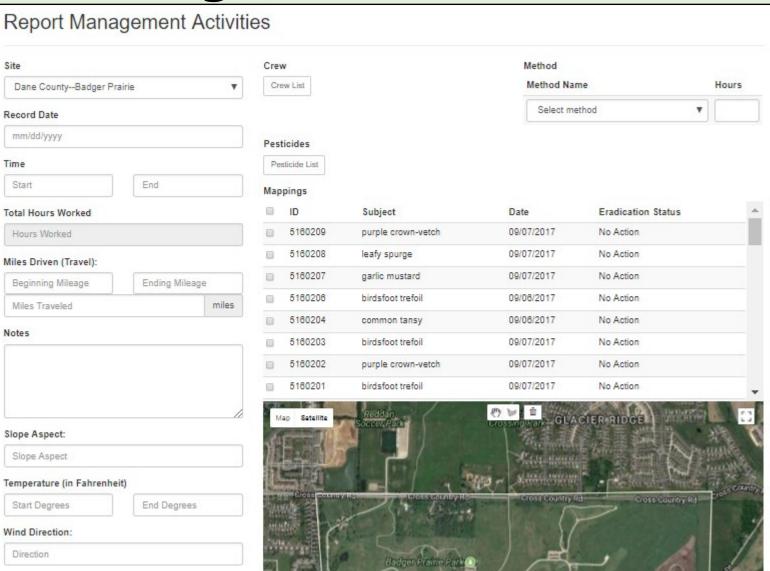
# What do we learn from invasive species monitoring?

Improve knowledge of distribution



# Better-informed management





# Reporting invasive plants • Plants that have naturalized; i.e. they weren't planted on purpose

- 3 options
  - Fill out form on EDDMapS website
  - Use GLEDN app
  - Email WIFDNcoordinator@gmail.com

More information on reporting at fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wifdn

# **Questions? Contact WIFDN!**

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