

Invasive Species in Humboldt County

Invasive plants are a big problem in Arcata. They harm the look and function of our landscapes, recreation areas, and waterways. Please help the City to control them and protect our natural environment. Know what they look like and do your best to control them at home. Help protect our open spaces by joining an invasive plant removal workday or organizing your own!

The plant species pictured below are 'Red Alert' species, meaning they are relatively new introductions with limited distribution. Quick response is the most cost-effective way to control their spread. If you see any of these invasive species, please call the Humboldt County Department of Agriculture at 707-441-5260 or email agcommissioner@co.humboldt.ca.us to report your sighting. The City of Arcata is also a partner in the Humboldt Weed Management Area. Learn more on the California Invasive Plant Council webpage, <https://www.cal-ipc.org/solutions/wmas/humboldt-wma/>, or call 510-843-3902.

Red Alert Species

Keep an eye out for these 9 invasive plants!

Shiny Geranium (*Geranium lucidum*)



Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)



Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)



Tree-of-Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)



Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe* ssp)



Diffuse Knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*)



Japanese Knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*)



Himalayan Knotweed (*Persicaria wallichii*)



South American spongeplant (*Limnobium spongia*)



Report your sighting to the Humboldt County Department of Agriculture:

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