



INVASIVE SPECIES

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you identify these invasive plants?

HERE'S THE PLAN

- Students will identify invasive plant species in a given boundary
- Students will discuss the effects of invasive plant species on the land and water
- Students will explain how invasive plant species spread
- Students will use a GPS device or IMAP Invasives app to mark waypoints for where invasive plants were located



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Location: _____



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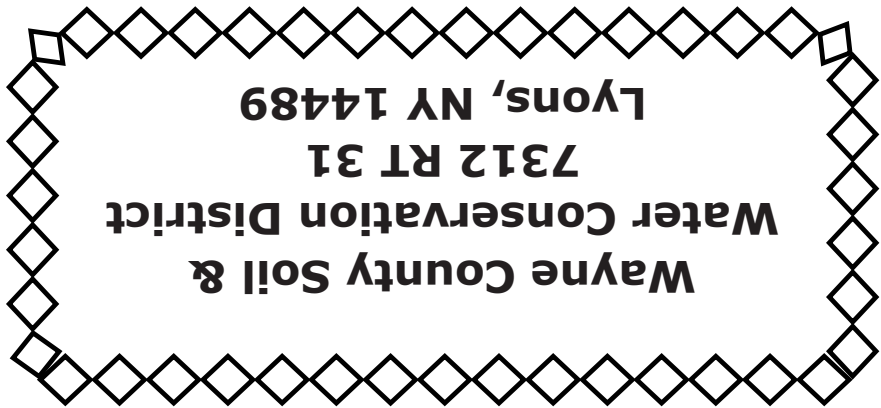
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Identification Clues

A



- Commonly found along forest edges and stream banks, as well along roadways.
- Red stems when dormant in late fall and winter.
- Jointed, hollow stems and alternate, leathery leaves that are broadly ovate.

- A cascade of white flowers blooms in August.

B



- Grows as a rosette of kidney shaped lime color leaves.
- Partial shade of woodlands forest edges, roads, trails, edges of agricultural land, stream sides.
- Second-year plant can grow multiple stems up to four feet with triangular, sharply-toothed leaves.

- In late spring white flowers clusters at the top of the stem that produce mutiple seeds lasting for years.

C



- Thorny, bushy shrub that can grow 15 feet tall.
- Clusters of white or pink flowers blooming late spring.
- Flowers are accompanied by small, red hip fruits that remain on the plant into winter.

- Oval leaves are green with a toothed margins
- Leaves are divided into seven to nine leaflets, and finely serrated.

D



- Dark green, shiny, heart-shaped leaves form spreading carpet.
- Yellow flowers have 5-8 petals, rising from a single stalk.
- Can be found in moist areas along streams, ditches, and lakes; also deciduous forests, and orchards.

Once your class has completed the Scavenger Hunt, fill out the information below, fold and mail back to the Wayne Couny Soil and Water Conservation District’s office for a prize.

School Name:

Grade:

Teacher(s):

E-Mail Address

Extra Credit Questions *circle answers*

How can you prevent the spread of Invasive Species when hiking?

- A. Clean your boots thoroughly before you hike in a new area.
- B. Wear soft soled shoes.
- C. Avoid hiking alone.

Two primary ways of preventing the spread of invasives are:

- A. Trapping and monitoring.
- B. Early detection and preventing transport by humans.
- C. Continued lookout and early detection.
- D. Preventing natural dispersal and continued awareness.