

Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Priority Invasive Species

Black swallow-wort



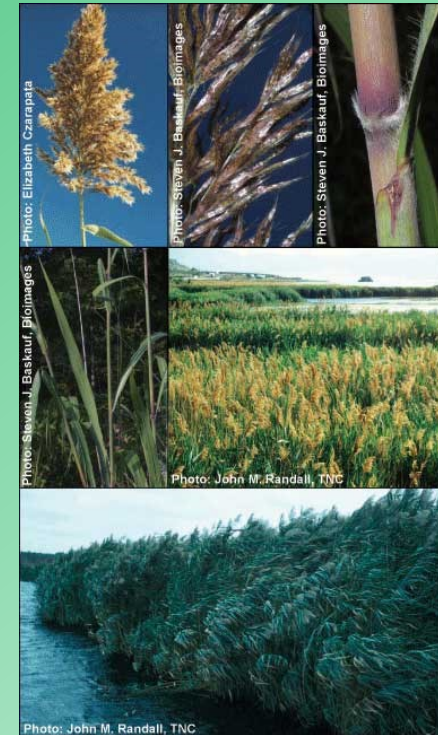
- Twining vine that forms extensive patches
- Purplish-black flower with five petals
- Waxy leaves with a pointed tip
- Seeds spread long distances by wind
- Can also reproduce from rhizomes or shoots
- Related to milkweed, it fools monarch butterflies to lay eggs on them, but the larva cannot eat the leaves
- Toxic to livestock
- DO NOT COMPOST**

Japanese knotweed



- Grows 5-8' tall, leaves are 1-4" long
- Bamboo-like stems with reddish-brown blotches
- Spreads rapidly
- Forms dense thickets
- Will grow from cut stems and root fragments
- Don't buy, sell, or plant knotweed– It's illegal in Michigan
- DO NOT COMPOST**

Phragmites (Invasive)



- Perennial grass that grows 6-13' tall
- Rigid and hollow stems
- Found in wetlands, ditches, and streambanks
- Spreads by seed and rhizomes that can live up to 6 years
- Burning, mowing, discing and digging may help its spread
- DO NOT COMPOST**

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE MID-MICHIGAN COOPERATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA



EDUCATE YOURSELF.

Learn about the Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (MM-CISMA) at www.inghamconservation.com/mm-cisma

Learn more about invasive species by visiting the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) website at www.misin.msu.edu

TAKE ACTION.

Check your boots, clothing, and pets for seeds

Remove aquatic species from your boats and trailers

Volunteer in MM-CISMA activities

SPREAD THE WORD.

Tell your friends about invasive species

Like the Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Facebook page at

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REPORT!

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