

Training a Network of Volunteers (WISCONSIN WEED WATCHERS) for Early Detection of New Invasive Plants

In workshops held across the state, volunteers learned how to identify and report occurrences of Wisconsin's Invasive Plants of the Future – potentially troublesome “new” invasives targeted for early detection and control.

Participants made plant presses and practiced preparing voucher specimens of invasive species. Most registered to become **Wisconsin Weed Watchers**, agreeing to be on the lookout for these plants statewide in parks, travel corridors and on public and private lands.



Black swallow-wort in Mukwonago Park,
Waukesha Co.

Workshops held	13
Workshop participants	235
Registered Weed Watchers	155+
Counties represented	37



Assembling a plant press.

Invasive Plants of the Future **TARGET SPECIES**

1. Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasias*)
2. Japanese Hops (*Humulus japonicus*) [WI]
3. Black Swallow-wort (*Vincetoxicum nigrum*) [WI]
4. Pale Swallow-wort (*Vincetoxicum rossicum*)
5. European Marsh Thistle (*Cirsium palustre*) [WI]
6. Common Teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*) [WI]
7. Cut-leaved Teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*) [WI]
8. Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) [WI]
9. Japanese Hedge-Parsley (*Torilis japonica*) [WI]
10. Field Hedge-Parsley (*Torilis arvensis*)
11. Japanese Stilt Grass (*Microstegium vimineum*)
12. Flowering Rush (*Butomus umbellatus*) [WI]
13. Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)
14. European Frog-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)
15. Water Chestnut (*Trapa natans*)