

Cumberland County Invasive Exotic Plant List

Rank 1 -- Severe Threat: Exotic plant species that possess characteristics of invasive species and spread easily into native plant communities and displace native vegetation. Those marked with an asterisk are banned for retail sale in TN. The following species that have not been reported in Cumberland County are also on the banned list: Cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica* (L.) Beauv.), Giant Salvinia (*Salvinia molesta* Mitchell), and Tropical Spiderwort (*Commelina benghalensis*).

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Mill.) Swingle	Tree of Heaven
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i> Durz.	Mimosa
<i>Celastrus orbiculata</i> Thunb.	Asian bittersweet
<i>Dioscorea oppositifolia</i> L.	Air-potato
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> Thunb.	Autumn olive*
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> (Turcz.) Hand.-Mazz.	Winter creeper
<i>Hedera helix</i> L.	English ivy
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> (L.f.) Royle	Hydrilla
<i>Lespedeza bicolor</i> Turcz.	Bicolor Lespedeza
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i> (Dum.-Cours.) G. Don	Sericea lespedeza
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i> Lour.	Chinese privet *
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> L.	Common privet*
<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb.	Japanese honeysuckle
<i>Lonicera maackii</i> (Rupr.) Maxim.	Amur bush honeysuckle*
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i> A. Gray	Morrow's bush honeysuckle*
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i> L.	Tartarian honeysuckle; twinsisters
<i>Lonicera x bella</i> Zabel	Bush honeysuckle*
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> L. [all varieties and cultivars]	Purple loosestrife*
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i> (Trin.) A. Camus	Nepalgrass; Japanese grass
<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i> (Thunb.) Sieb.&Zucc. ex Steud.	Princess tree
<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	Japanese knotweed
<i>Pueraria montana</i> (Lour.) Merr.	Kudzu
<i>Rosa multiflora</i> Thunb.	Multiflora rose*
<i>Solanum viarum</i> Dunal	Tropical soda apple*
<i>Sorghum halepense</i> (L.) Pers.	Johnson grass
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> L.f.	Japanese spiraea

Rank 2 -- Significant Threat: Exotic plant species that possess characteristics of invasive species but are not presently considered to spread as easily into native plant communities as those species listed as **Rank 1**.

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i> (Bieb.) Cavara & Grande	Garlic-mustard
<i>Allium vineale</i> L.	Field Garlic
<i>Arthraxon hispidus</i> (Thunb.) Makino	Hairy jointgrass
<i>Bromus commutatus</i> Schrad.	Meadow brome
<i>Bromus japonicus</i> Thunb. ex Murray	Japanese brome grass
<i>Bromus tectorum</i> L.	Thatch brome grass, cheat grass
<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop.	Canada thistle
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> (Savi) Ten.	Bull thistle
<i>Coronilla varia</i> L.	Crown vetch
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	Wild carrot, Queen Anne's-lace
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> L.	Fuller's teasle
<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i> L.	Cutleaf teasle
<i>Euonymus alata</i> (Thunb.) Sieb.	Burning bush
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i> Schreb.	Tall fescue
<i>Festuca pratensis</i> Huds.	Meadow fescue
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i> L.	Dame's rocket
<i>Lespedeza bicolor</i> Turcz.	Bicolor lespedeza, shrubby bushclover
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> Thunb.	Japanese privet*
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i> L.	Moneywort, creeping Jenny
<i>Mahonia beali</i> (Fortune) Carriere	Oregon grape
<i>Melilotus albus</i> Medik.	White sweet clover
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i> (L.) Lam.	Yellow sweet clover
<i>Nandina domestica</i> Thunb.	Nandina, sacred-bamboo
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i> (L.) Hayek	Watercress
<i>Polygonum caespitosum</i> Blume	Bunchy knotweed, oriental ladies-thumb
<i>Populus alba</i> L.	White poplar
<i>Setaria faberi</i> R.A.W. Herrm.	Nodding foxtail-grass
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i> L.	Common mullein
<i>Vicia sativa</i> L.	Garden vetch
<i>Vinca minor</i> L.	Common periwinkle

Rank 3 -- Lesser Threat: Exotic plant species that spread in or near disturbed areas; and are not presently considered a threat to native plant communities.

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Allium vineale</i> L.	Field Garlic
<i>Bromus inermis</i> Leyss.	Smooth brome grass
<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i> (L.) L'Her. ex Vent.	Paper mulberry
<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i> L.	Ox-eye daisy
<i>Chicorium intybus</i> L.	Chicory
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> L.	Russian olive
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i> L.	Gill-over-the-ground, ground ivy
<i>Kummerowia stipulacea</i> (Maxim.) Makino	Korean clover
<i>Kummerowia striata</i> (Thunb.) Schindl.	Japanese clover
<i>Pastinaca sativa</i> L.	Wild parsnip
<i>Polygonum persicaria</i> L.	Lady's thumb

There are many more invasive species that have been identified in Tennessee at various levels of concern. The above lists only include plants that have been reported in Cumberland County.

This plant list was prepared by Dennis Gregg of the Obed Watershed Community Association, based on a list prepared by the Tennessee Exotic Pest Plant Council. Complete information about these exotic plants, including pictures and management controls is available at www.tneppc.org/invasive_plants.



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