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1. New Invader Alerts

Cook County, IL

1 report of brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) in Cook County, IL observed on March 28, 2014 http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=9328&id=us_IL_17031

2. More homeowner fact sheets available on NIIPP website

We've posted more homeowner fact sheets for downloading at <http://www.niipp.net/homeowner-fact-sheets>. Fact sheets available cover General Invasive Plant Facts, Asian bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum/Fallopia japonica*), Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*), Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), Wild chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*), and Winged burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*). Additional Spanish versions of these sheets will be posted soon.

3. Illinois Lakes Management Association – 29th Annual Conference

ILMA is hosting their annual conference at the Timber Creek Convention Center, Sandwich, IL on April 10th -12th <http://www.ilma-lakes.org/?q=ilma-29th-annual-conference>

Sessions topics include Invasive Species: Pathways and Prevention and a workshop on Nuisance Aquatic Plant Identification and Treatment.

4. Regional Native Plant Sales

Citizens for Conservation is holding their 18th Annual Native Plant, Tree, and Shrub sale on May 3rd and May 4th. You can order online prior to the sale event. Check here for more information

<http://www.citizensforconservation.org/>

Lake County Forest Preserve District will be hosting a native plant sale the weekend of May 10th and 11th http://www.lcfd.org/preserves/index.cfm?fuseaction=preserves.viewActDetail&object_id=38451

The Forest Preserve District of Will County and Possibility Place will be hosting their second annual native plant sale on May 31st from 9am – 3pm at Sugar Creek Preserve.

http://www.reconnectwithnature.org/calendar/events/5-31-2014/Bringing-Nature-Home-Plant-Sale_S2014

Conserve Lake County will be hosting their native plant sale the weekends of May 17, 18, 19; May 24, 25, 26; May 31, June 1, 2; and June 7, 8, 9. You can also preorder plants online!

<http://www.conservelakecounty.org/native-plant-sale>

There are many more native plant sales that will be happening in the next few months. Please have a look at Possibility Place's event calendar for a list <http://www.possibilityplace.com/news-events/>

5. New regulations in place that restrict the transportation, release, and harvest of feral swine in Illinois

<http://illinoisiam.blogspot.com/2014/04/new-idnr-rule-restricts-transportation.html>

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/news/Pages/NewRuleRestrictsTransportation,ReleaseandHarvestofFeralSwine.aspx>

6. Update from Illinois Invasive Plant Species Council

At the February 26, 2014 meeting of IIPSC the council voted to recommend exotic olives (*Eleaegnus* spp.) and Asian bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) be added to the Illinois Exotic Weed Act. For a refresher on this act <http://codes.lp.findlaw.com/ilstatutes/525/10>

7. Garlic Mustard Challenge 2014

That time of year is fast approaching! We can still regain our title of champion garlic mustard puller after failing to secure the crown last year! If you're hosting an event that you would like posted on the NIIPP website please send your information to the NIIPP Coordinator at cathy.mcglynn@yahoo.com.

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8. Illinois Coastal Grants 2014

The Illinois Coastal Management Program is pleased to announce that we will once again be accepting applications for Illinois Coastal Grants!

Applications will be accepted for environmental education and outreach projects and sustainable coastal planning projects. <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/pages/grants.aspx>

Application materials will be available at Illinois Coastal Grant Program Website starting April 18, 2014. **Applications will be accepted through 5pm on Friday, May 30, 2014**

IDNR will be hosting a Grant Information Session on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014 from 4:00pm to 5:00 pm at 2nd Floor, Room 2-025, James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601

(Please RSVP to DNR.CMP@Illinois.gov. ID required for building entry)

9. SAVE THE DATE! Illinois Invasive Species Symposium

May 29th, 2014 Springfield, IL

The Illinois Wildlife Action Plan – Invasive Species Campaign will be hosting an invasive species symposium on May 29th, 2014 in Springfield, IL.

This will be an all-taxa meeting, covering invasive plants, animals, insects, and diseases.

10. Call for Abstracts for Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference Deadline extended.

The third biennial Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference will be held on October 20-22, 2014 in Duluth, MN at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. For more information please click on this link

http://www.umisc2014.org/?utm_source=UMISC+2014+Save+the+Date&utm_campaign=umisc+save+the+date&utm_medium=email

Abstracts submissions are now being accepted. **Deadline is now April 14th.**

<http://www.umisc2014.org/call-for-abstracts.html>

11. Invasive Plant of the Month – wild buckwheat

Wild buckwheat (*Polygonum convolvulus*/*Fallopia convolvulus*) is native to Europe and infestations were recently reported in Will County. It is a cool season, annual broadleaf plant in the smartweed family (Polygonaceae) that is often found along roadsides, in pastures, and cultivated land. Seedlings quickly grow into a vine with a fibrous root system that efficiently absorbs nutrients and water allowing wild buckwheat to outcomplete crop plants. Mature leaves are alternate with a papery sheath wrapped around

each petiole where it joins the main stem. Leaves have a heart-shaped or arrowhead appearance with pointed tips and rounded basal lobes that become pointed. Wild buckwheat will readily twine around other plants and can grow as long as 6.5 feet. When in bloom, clusters of small, greenish white flowers can be found in leaf axils (short and compact clusters) and at the end of the stem (spikelike clusters). Seeds produced are black, 1/8 inch long, and have three corners. These seeds can remain viable in the soil for up to five years.

Other Resources

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/GWC/GWC-10-W.pdf>

<http://extension.psu.edu/pests/weeds/weed-id/wild-buckwheat>

http://www.monsanto.com/weedmanagement/documents/wild_buckwheat.pdf

http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/WEEDS/wild_buckwheat.html



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