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### 1. New Invader and EDDMapS Alerts –

#### Cook County

1 report Black dog-strangling vine, black swallowwort (*Vincetoxicum nigrum*)  
[http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3398&id=us\\_IL\\_17031](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3398&id=us_IL_17031)

4 reports of Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica/Polygonum cuspidatum*)  
[http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3414&id=us\\_IL\\_17031](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3414&id=us_IL_17031)

1 report of sand ryegrass, lyme grass (*Leymus arenarius*)  
[http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=22981&id=us\\_IL\\_17031](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=22981&id=us_IL_17031)

#### Lake County

1 report Black dog-strangling vine, black swallowwort (*Vincetoxicum nigrum*)  
[http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3398&id=us\\_IL\\_17097](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=3398&id=us_IL_17097)

#### LaPorte County (Indiana)

1 report of brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*)  
[http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=9328&id=us\\_IN\\_18091](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=9328&id=us_IN_18091)

## Porter County (Indiana)

1 report of brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*)

[http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=9328&id=us\\_IN\\_18127](http://www.eddmaps.org/county.cfm?sub=9328&id=us_IN_18127)

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## 2. Wild Things Conference

**Register! Spread the word!**

### **WILD THINGS:**

**A Chicago Wilderness Conference for People and Nature**

**Saturday, January 31, 2015: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Center East**

**KEYNOTE: How the Bison Came Back - Stewards and scientists restore human and natural communities at Nachusa Grasslands.** Bill Kleiman, Nachusa Grasslands Project Director, The Nature Conservancy.

This day-long conference brings together volunteers and professionals who care about nature.

- More than 80 presentations and workshops explore the latest in natural areas conservation, advocacy, wildlife protection and monitoring.
- Chicago area prairies, woods, and wetlands from neighborhoods to refuges are showcased.
- Citizen scientists, stewards, and advocates are empowered with information, networking, good ideas, and fun.
- Register before 01/06/15: \$30 • Registration after 01/05/15: \$40 • Student price available only before 01/06/15: \$20.

Registration and conference information at: [www.habitatproject.org/WildThings2015](http://www.habitatproject.org/WildThings2015).

To help publicize, go to [www.habitatproject.org/WildThings2015/publicity.html](http://www.habitatproject.org/WildThings2015/publicity.html) for ads and copy.

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## 3. Funding Opportunities

NFWF's Five Star and Urban Water Grant Program is now taking applications (**Deadline February 3, 2015**) <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2014rfp.aspx#.VH4mVcnqews>

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#### **4. Report Invasive Plants on ComEd property**

ComEd has asked that NIIPP partners make reports of invasive plants that have been observed on ComEd property. Please submit your reports to EDDMapS ([www.eddmaps.org](http://www.eddmaps.org)). At the end of each year the updated data files for each county will be sent to ComEd to help them manage invasive plants in conjunction with site visits. The files for this year have already been sent. Thanks for your help!

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#### **5. Education and Outreach to Lake County – NIIPP needs your help!**

In an effort to raise public awareness about invasive plants (particularly invasive ornamental plants) NIIPP has recently begun sending packages of brochures, fact sheets, etc. to local libraries in Lake County. Eleven libraries are now displaying information, but we need your help to reach the other nine: Lake Villa, Ela Area Public Library, North Chicago Public Library, Wauconda Public Library, Zion Benton Public Library, Highwood Library, Lake Forest Library, and Waukegan Public Library. If you would be willing to connect NIIPP with a contact at one or more of these libraries (or transport some materials there for distribution) please contact the NIIPP Coordinator, Cathy McGlynn, at 847-242-6423/[cathy.mcglynn@niipp.net](mailto:cathy.mcglynn@niipp.net). Thank you!

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#### **6. Common and New Invasive Plant Workshops**

NIIPP recently received funding from the Illinois Coastal Management Program to offer workshops about common and new invasive plants to municipalities, park districts, forest preserve districts, and stewards in or near the Lake Michigan Watershed. Registration for these workshops is free. Please spread the word and ask folks to contact NIIPP if they are interested in registering! (847-242-6423/[cathy.mcglynn@niipp.net](mailto:cathy.mcglynn@niipp.net))

**Location:** Waukegan Park District, Park Maintenance Facility, 2211 Ernie Kruger Circle, Waukegan, IL

**Time:** 9am - noon

**Date:** Friday, December 5th or (snow date) Monday, December 8th

**Location:** Park District of Highland Park, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park, IL

**Time:** 9:00 am - noon

**Date:** Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> or (snow date) Friday, February 13th

**Location:** City of Evanston, Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd, Evanston, IL

**Time:** 9am - noon

**Date:** Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> or (snow date) Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Glencoe Park District, Takiff Center, 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, IL

**Time:** 9am - noon

**Date:** Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> or (snow date) Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Wilmette Park District, 3555 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL

**Time:** 9am - noon

**Date:** Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> or (snow date) Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

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## 7. Invasive Plants of the Month –

### Holiday Horrors!

This section of the NIIPP bulletin is normally dedicated to providing the natural history and identification information for a chosen invasive plant. In honor of the coming holiday season this space is being used to ask folks to not purchase and use Asian bittersweet, baby's breath, sacred lotus seed receptacles, and teasel for decorative purposes! Yes, they look great in bouquets, wreaths, with evergreens in your planters, and spray-painted gold and silver, but please choose native and non-invasive alternatives this season and spread the word!



**Asian bittersweet** (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) (photo taken from [fgblog.maryjanesfarm.org](http://fgblog.maryjanesfarm.org))

More information about this species can be found at [http://niipp.net/?page\\_id=530&id=CEOR7](http://niipp.net/?page_id=530&id=CEOR7)



**Baby's breath** (*Gypsophila paniculata*) (photo taken by Julia Scher)

More information on this species can be found at [http://niipp.net/?page\\_id=530&id=GYP](http://niipp.net/?page_id=530&id=GYP)



**Sacred lotus** (*Nelumbo nucifera*) (photo taken from [www.curiouscountrycreations.com](http://www.curiouscountrycreations.com))

More information about this species can be found here  
[http://www.newinvaders.org/species/Nelumbo\\_nucifera.pdf](http://www.newinvaders.org/species/Nelumbo_nucifera.pdf)



**Common teasel** (*Dipsacus fullonum*) (photo taken bluejaybarrens.blogspot.com)

More information about teasel can be found here

Cut-leaf teasel [http://niipp.net/?page\\_id=530&id=DILA4](http://niipp.net/?page_id=530&id=DILA4)

Common teasel [http://niipp.net/?page\\_id=530&id=DISY](http://niipp.net/?page_id=530&id=DISY)

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## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!**

### **Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening**

By [Robert Frost](#)

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

