



Identification & Biology of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas

"...there are the adventive plants, the wanderers, of which we have, as yet, comparatively few species; but later, when the country is older and more generally cultivated, there will surely be an army of them."
Charles Torrey Simpson, 1920

Hundreds of non-native plants have been introduced into Florida, many of great benefit to us. Some, however, have been established outside cultivation, in expanding populations within native plant communities. If left unchecked, these non-natives may disrupt natural processes, displace native plants and animals, and interfere with management goals.

This field guide, intended as a tool for land managers, covers 62 non-native plant species considered weeds in Florida's natural areas. With descriptions and photographs, the guide provides identification characters of these plants, plus details on their ecological significance, distribution, and life history.



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