

Invasive Plants at Home

Removing these species from your yard decreases the chances of them spreading to nearby natural areas and creates room for beneficial native plants.

For more information on invasives visit www.cmcisma.org or www.michigan.gov/invasives/

Common Invasive Flowers



Garlic Mustard

- **Year 1:** A small plant with purple stem, white root, and garlic-smelling leaves
- **Year 2:** Grows 2-3 feet tall, 4-petalled white flowers that produce thousands of seeds, blooms in May, garlic-smelling leaves



Dame's Rocket

- **Year 1:** Small plant with pointy, toothed leaves
- **Year 2:** Grows from 2-4 feet tall, 4 petalled purple, pink, or white flowers, blooms in May and June



Crown Vetch

- Multiple small leaves per stem, purple clover-like flower head with multiple flowers
- Grows long vine-like stems many feet long, can quickly cover an area



Spotted Knapweed

- Gray-green, small, pointed leaves with purple, spikey flower
- Green base of flower is speckled with dark spots

Common Invasive Shrubs



Barberry, Japanese and Common

- Tear-drop shaped small leaves, thorny stems and red fruits that persist throughout winter
- Small compact bush often planted ornamentally
- Seeds are spread to natural areas by birds



Bush Honeysuckle

- Large shrub with fragrant flowers blooming May – June
- Flowers start white or pink and fade to yellow
- Leaves green early in the season and stay late in the fall
- Bright red berries spread by birds



Autumn Olive

- Leaves pointed with silvery undersides
- Twigs sometimes have thorns
- Fragrant white flowers bloom April – June
- Speckled red berries spread by birds



Buckthorn, Common and Glossy

- Rounded leaves that stay green late into fall
- Sometimes have thorns
- Inside of wood is yellow and orange
- Red to purple berries spread by birds