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**How to deal with invasive or noxious plants.**

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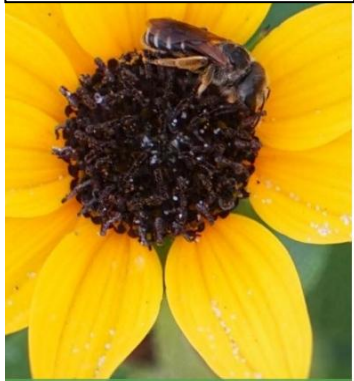











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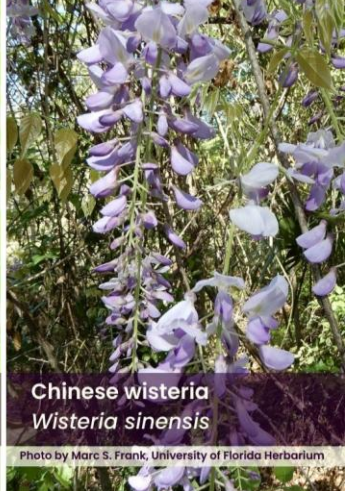
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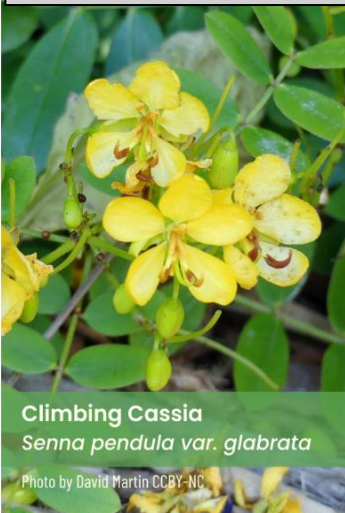


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**List includes:** 6/2025 list of 175 invasive plants from Florida Invasive Species Council, Consolidated with Florida's list of 38 Noxious Weeds, sorted by common name and category.

**~GLOSSARY and DESCRIPTIONS -**

**NATIVE PLANTS** - a species that occurs naturally in a specified geographic area; can be aggressive, spreading quickly and dominating a garden bed, but are not invasive and harmful to the ecosystem. It is important not to vilify plants with misleading language.

**INVASIVE PLANTS** - are species that are non-native to an ecosystem and likely to cause harm to human health or the ecosystem where they live, such as by competing with native species for resources, by killing indigenous species, and by destroying native food webs - all of which disrupt ecosystems. They are categorized based on their severity of disruption; Category 1 is the more disruptive.

**NOXIOUS PLANTS** - are illegal to cultivate, introduce, collect or transport without a permit in Florida. They are worse than Category 1 or 2 on the invasive list because they threaten not only ecosystems, but agriculture as well. Eliminate any you find.

**WEEDS** - a plant species not wanted in a given area because it has negative economic and/or environmental impacts. This term is also used to describe a species that largely occurs in disturbed areas or is unwanted in home gardens. This term can be applied to both native and nonnative species.

**DISPOSING OF NOXIOUS OR INVASIVE PLANTS** - once they have been dug up, place them in a plastic bag and into the trash going to the landfill. Do not include them in yard debris that is picked up for composting.

**ZONE** - refers to North, Central, South, or all Florida

Common Name	Scientific Name	Zone*	Category
Air-potato	<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i>	FL	Noxious
Alexander palm	<i>Ptychosperma elegans</i>	S	II
Alligatorweed	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	N, C, S	II
American evergreen	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	N, C, S	I
Antilles calophyllum	<i>Calophyllum antillanum</i>	S	I
Aquatic soda apple	<i>Solanum tampicense</i>	FL	Noxious
Arrowhead vine	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	N, C, S	I
Arrowleaf elephant's ear	<i>Xanthosoma sagittifolium</i>	N, C, S	II
Asian marshweed	<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i>	N, C, S	II
Asian nakedwood	<i>Colubrina asiatica</i>	FL	Noxious
Asian sword fern	<i>Nephrolepis brownii</i>	C, S	I
Australian almond	<i>Terminalia muelleri</i>	C, S	II
Australian umbrella tree	<i>Heptapleurum actinophyllum (Schefflera actinophylla)</i>	C, S	I
Australian-pine	<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>	FL	Noxious
Autumn olive	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	N	II
Balsampear	<i>Momordica charantia</i>	N, C, S	II

Bamboo palm	<i>Chamaedorea seifrizii</i>	C, S	II
Basket plant	<i>Callisia fragrans</i>	C, S	II
Beach naupaka	<i>Scaevola taccada</i>	FL	Noxious
Beach vitex	<i>Vitex rotundifolia</i>	N, C	I
Beechey's with	<i>Heteropterys brachiata</i>	S	II
Black mimosa	<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	C, S	I
Boatlily	<i>Tradescantia spathacea</i>	C, S	I
Bottlebrush	<i>Melaleuca viminalis (Callistemon viminalis)</i>	C, S	II
Bowstring hemp	<i>Dracaena hyacinthoides (Sansevieria hyacinthoides)</i>	C, S	II
Brazilian jasmine	<i>Jasminum fluminense</i>	C, S	I
Brazilian pepper	<i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i>	FL	Noxious
Britton's wild petunia	<i>Ruellia simplex</i>	N, C, S	I
Browne's blechum	<i>Ruellia blechum</i>	N, C, S	II
Burma reed	<i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i>	FL	Noxious
Burr nut	<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>	N, C, S	II
Bush morning-glory	<i>Ipomoea carnea subsp. fistulosa</i>	C, S	II
Caesarweed	<i>Urena lobata</i>	N, C, S	I
Calico flower	<i>Aristolochia elegans (Aristolochia littoralis)</i>	N, C, S	II
Camphortree	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	N, C, S	I
Carrotwood	<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>	FL	Noxious
Castorbean	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	N, C, S	II
Catclaw mimosa	<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	FL	Noxious
Catclaw vine	<i>Dolichandra unguis-cati (Macfadyena unguis-cati)</i>	FL	Noxious
Cathedral bells	<i>Kalanchoe pinnata</i>	C, S	II
Chinaberrytree	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	N, C, S	II
Chinese crown orchid	<i>Eulophia graminea</i>	N, C, S	II
Chinese fan palm	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>	C, S	II
Chinese ladder brake	<i>Pteris vittata</i>	N, C, S	II
Chinese privet	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	FL	Noxious
Chinese tallow tree	<i>Triadica sebifera (Sapium sebiferum)</i>	FL	Noxious
Chinese violet	<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	C, S	II
Chinese wisteria	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	N, C	II
Christmas cassia	<i>Senna pendula var. glabrata</i>	C, S	I
Climbing hempweed	<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	FL	Noxious
Club begonia	<i>Begonia cucullata</i>	N, C, S	II
Coat buttons	<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	FL	Noxious
Coco yam	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	N, C, S	I
Coconut palm	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	S	II
Cogongrass	<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>	FL	Noxious
Common water-hyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	N, C, S	I
Coral ardisia	<i>Ardisia crenata</i>	FL	Noxious

Coral vine	<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	N, C, S	II
Corky-stemmed jasmine	<i>Jasminum fluminense</i>	C, S	I
Council tree	<i>Ficus altissima</i>	C, S	II
Creeping oxeye	<i>Sphagneticola trilobata (Wedelia triloba)</i>	N, C, S	II
Crested floatingheart	<i>Nymphoides cristata</i>	C, S	I
Cuban bulrush	<i>Cyperus blepharoleptos</i>	N, C, S	I
Dasheen	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	N, C, S	I
Dayflowering jessamine	<i>Cestrum diurnum</i>	C, S	II
Deviltree	<i>Alstonia macrophylla</i>	S	II
<b>Dodder</b>	<b><i>Cuscuta species</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Dotted duckweed	<i>Landoltia punctata (Spirodela punctata)</i>	N, C, S	II
Downy maiden fern	<i>Thelypteris dentata (Christella dentata)</i>	N, C, S	II
<b>Downy rose-myrtle</b>	<b><i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Downy shield fern	<i>Thelypteris dentata (Christella dentata)</i>	N, C, S	II
Durban crowfootgrass	<i>Dactyloctenium aegyptium</i>	N, C, S	II
Dwarf papyrus	<i>Cyperus prolifer</i>	C, S	II
Dwarf rotala	<i>Rotala rotundifolia</i>	S	II
Earleaf acacia	<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i>	C, S	I
Eggers nutrush	<i>Scleria eggersiana</i>	S	I
Elegant dutchman's-pipe	<i>Aristolochia elegans (Aristolochia littoralis)</i>	N, C, S	II
Elephantgrass	<i>Cenchrus purpureus (Pennisetum purpureum)</i>	N, C, S	I
Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	N, C, S	II
Flamegold rain tree	<i>Koelreuteria elegans subsp. formosana</i>	N, C, S	II
Flatstem sida	<i>Sida planicaulis</i>	C, S	II
Fountaingrass	<i>Cenchrus setaceus (Pennisetum setaceum)</i>	N, C, S	II
Galba	<i>Calophyllum antillanum</i>	S	I
Ganges primrose	<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	C, S	II
Giant brake	<i>Pteris tripartita</i>	C, S	II
Giant smutgrass	<i>Sporobolus jacquemontii</i>	N, C, S	I
Glossy privet	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	N, C	I
Gold Coast jasmine	<i>Jasminum dichotomum</i>	C, S	I
Golden bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	N, C	II
Golden pothos	<i>Epipremnum pinnatum</i>	C, S	II
Governor's plum	<i>Flacourtia indica</i>	S	II
Gray sheoak	<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	N, C, S	I
Green hygro	<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>	N, C, S	I
Green shrimp plant	<i>Ruellia blechum</i>	N, C, S	II
Guava	<i>Psidium guajava</i>	C, S	I
Guineagrass	<i>Urochloa maxima (Panicum maximum)</i>	N, C, S	II
Heavenly bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	N, C	I
Horsetail casuarina	<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>	N, C, S	I
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	N, C, S	I

Inch plant	<i>Callisia fragrans</i>	C, S	II
Inchplant	<i>Tradescantia zebrina*</i>	N, C, S	II
Incised halberd fern	<i>Tectaria incisa</i>	S	I
Indian laurel fig	<i>Ficus microcarpa2</i>	C, S	I
Indian rosewood	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	C, S	II
Indian swampweed	<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>	N, C, S	I
<b>Itchgrass</b>	<b><i>Rottboellia cochinchinesis</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Jamaican feverplant	<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>	N, C, S	II
Japanese ardisia	<i>Ardisia japonica</i>	N	II
<b>Japanese climbing fern</b>	<b><i>Lygodium japonicum</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Japanese false spleenwort	<i>Deparia petersenii</i>	N, C	I
<b>Japanese honeysuckle</b>	<b><i>Lonicera japonica</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Japanese stiltgrass	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	N	I
Jaragua	<i>Hyparrhenia rufa</i>	N, C, S	II
Java plum	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	C, S	I
Javanese bishopwood	<i>Bischofia javanica</i>	C, S	I
Jazmin de trapo	<i>Jasminum fluminense</i>	C, S	I
Jeweled maiden fern	<i>Thelypteris opulenta (Ambloventum opulentum)</i>	S	I
<b>Kudzu</b>	<b><i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
<b>Kysuma grass</b>	<b><i>Cenchrus polystachios (Pennisetum polystachion)</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Lakeshore nutrush	<i>Scleria lacustris</i>	C, S	I
Lantana	<i>Lantana strigocamara (Lantana camara)</i>	N, C, S	I
Largeflower Mexican clover	<i>Richardia grandiflora</i>	N, C, S	II
Large-leafed orange mangrove	<i>Bruguiera gymnorhiza</i>	S	II
<b>Latherleaf</b>	<b><i>Colubrina asiatica</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Life plant	<i>Kalanchoe pinnata</i>	C, S	II
Limpogress	<i>Hemarthria altissima</i>	C, S	II
<b>Little bell morning glory</b>	<b><i>Ipomoea triloba</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Lumitzera	<i>Lumnitzera racemosa</i>	S	I
Madagascar olive	<i>Noronhia emarginata*</i>	C, S	II
Madagascar rubbervine	<i>Cryptostegia madagascariensis</i>	C, S	II
Mahoe	<i>Talipariti tiliaceum var. tiliaceum</i>	C, S	II
Malabar plum	<i>Syzygium jambos</i>	N, C, S	II
Mata-pasto	<i>Sida planicaulis</i>	C, S	II
<b>Melaleuca</b>	<b><i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Mexican petunia	<i>Ruellia simplex</i>	N, C, S	I
<b>Mile-a-minute</b>	<b><i>Mikania micrantha</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Mimosa	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	N, C	I
Miniature flatsedge	<i>Cyperus prolifer</i>	C, S	II
<b>Missiongrass</b>	<b><i>Cenchrus polystachios (Pennisetum polystachion)</i></b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>Noxious</b>
Molassesgrass	<i>Melinis minutiflora</i>	C, S	II

Moses-in-the-cradle	<i>Tradescantia spathacea</i>	C, S	I
Mother-in-law's tongue	<i>Dracaena hyacinthoides</i> ( <i>Sansevieria hyacinthoides</i> )	C, S	II
Mother-of-millions	<i>Kalanchoe x houghtonii</i>	N, C, S	II
Mountain ebony	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	C, S	I
Napiergrass	<i>Cenchrus purpureus</i> ( <i>Pennisetum purpureum</i> )	N, C, S	I
Nepalese browntop	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	N	I
Nettleleaf velvetberry	<i>Stachytarpheta cayennensis</i>	S	II
Octopus tree	<i>Heptapleurum actinophyllum</i> ( <i>Schefflera</i> )	C, S	I
Old World climbing fern	<i>Lygodium microphyllum</i>	FL	Noxious
Orange jessamine	<i>Murraya paniculata</i>	S	II
Orchid tree	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	C, S	I
Oyster-plant	<i>Tradescantia spathacea</i>	C, S	I
Paper mulberry	<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	N, C, S	II
Paragrass	<i>Urochloa mutica</i>	N, C, S	I
Peruvian primrosewillow	<i>Ludwigia peruviana</i>	N, C, S	I
Pink tabebuia	<i>Tabebuia heterophylla</i>	S	II
Popcorn tree	<i>Triadica sebifera</i> ( <i>Sapium sebiferum</i> )	FL	Noxious
Portia tree	<i>Thespesia populnea</i>	C, S	I
Praxelis	<i>Praxelis clematidea</i>	C	II
Princess-of-the-night	<i>Selenicereus pteranthus</i>	C, S	II
Puncture vine	<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>	N, C, S	II
Punkt tree	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	C, S	I
Queen palm	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	C, S	II
Queen's jewels	<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	N, C, S	II
Rattlebox	<i>Sesbania punicea</i>	N, C, S	II
Red beadtrees	<i>Adenanthera pavonina</i>	S	II
Red sandalwood	<i>Adenanthera pavonina</i>	S	II
Redflower ragleaf	<i>Crassocephalum crepidioides</i>	N, C, S	II
Redwing	<i>Heteropterys brachiata</i>	S	II
River sheoak	<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>	C, S	II
Rosary pea	<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	FL	Noxious
Rose apple	<i>Syzygium jambos</i>	N, C, S	II
Rose myrtle	<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i>	FL	Noxious
Rose natalgrass	<i>Melinis repens</i>	N, C, S	I
Roundleaf chastetree	<i>Vitex rotundifolia</i>	N, C	I
Roundleaf toothcup	<i>Rotala rotundifolia</i>	S	II
Sacred bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	N, C	I
Santa maria	<i>Calophyllum antillanum</i>	S	I
Sapodilla	<i>Manilkara zapota</i>	S	I
Scratchthroat	<i>Ardisia crenata</i>	FL	Noxious
Sea almond	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	C, S	II

Sea hibiscus	<i>Talipariti tiliaceum</i> var. <i>tiliaceum</i>	C, S	II
Seaside mahoe	<i>Thespesia populnea</i>	C, S	I
Senegal date palm	<i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	C, S	II
Serpent fern	<i>Microsorium grossum</i> ( <i>Phymatosorus scolopendria</i> )	S	I
Sessile joyweed	<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i>	FL	Noxious
Sewervine	<i>Paederia cruddasiana</i>	FL	Noxious
Shoebuttan ardisia	<i>Ardisia elliptica</i>	FL	Noxious
Shrubby false buttonweed	<i>Spermacoce verticillata</i> <sup>3</sup>	N, C, S	II
Shrubverbena	<i>Lantana strigocamara</i> ( <i>Lantana camara</i> )	N, C, S	I
Silkreed	<i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i>	FL	Noxious
Silktree	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	N, C	I
Silverberry	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	N	II
Silverthorn	<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	N, C, S	II
Simpleleaf chastetree	<i>Vitex trifolia</i>	C, S	II
Sisal hemp	<i>Agave sisalana</i>	C, S	II
Sissoo	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	C, S	II
Skunkvine	<i>Paederia foetida</i>	FL	Noxious
Small-leaf climbing fern	<i>Lygodium microphyllum</i>	FL	Noxious
Small-leaf spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	N, C, S	I
Solitaire palm	<i>Ptychosperma elegans</i>	S	II
Spanish arborvine	<i>Distimake tuberosus</i> ( <i>Merremia tuberosa</i> )	C, S	II
Sprenger's asparagus-fern	<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i>	N, C, S	I
Spurgecreeper	<i>Dalechampia scandens</i>	C, S	II
Staghorn fern	<i>Platycterium bifurcatum</i>	C, S	II
Strawberry guava	<i>Psidium cattleianum</i>	C, S	I
Suckering Australian-pine	<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	N, C, S	I
Surinam cherry	<i>Eugenia uniflora</i>	C, S	I
Sweet autumn clematis	<i>Clematis terniflora</i>	N, C	II
Sweet autumn virginsbower	<i>Clematis terniflora</i>	N, C	II
Taiwanese cheesewood	<i>Pittosporum pentandrum</i>	S	II
Thorny olive	<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	N, C, S	II
Torpedograss	<i>Panicum repens</i>	N, C, S	I
Trompetilla	<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>	N, C, S	I
Tropical almond	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	C, S	II
Tropical American	<i>Luziola subintegra</i>	S	I
Tropical milkweed	<i>Asclepias curassavica</i> *	N, C, S	II
Tropical nutrush	<i>Scleria microcarpa</i>	C, S	I
Tropical soda apple	<i>Solanum viarum</i>	FL	Noxious
Tropical spiderwort	<i>Commelina benghalensis</i>	FL	Noxious
Trumpet tree	<i>Cecropia palmata</i>	S	II
Tuberous sword fern	<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i>	N, C, S	I
Tung oil tree	<i>Vernicia fordii</i>	N, C, S	II





