

## INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS OF THE SOUTH RIDGELINE STUDY AREA

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Invasive Exotic Plant Species tend to form monocultures, or become dominant with 20% cover or more within a short time in any plant community. There likely will be a few additional species that could be listed here, as this is meant not to be an exhaustive list, but a list of the most common invasive species. Also, some species may grow in other habitats than the one they are listed under (i.e., Armenian blackberry grows in all these habitats).

*IMPORTANT NOTE: The first group (in italics, below) is so widely established, there is no need to list them individually on a field data sheet under "Invasives" in the herb layer section. Instead, merely list "SPI" for "Standard Prairie Invasives."*

### I. SPECIES OF PRAIRIE/MEADOW, SAVANNA & WOODLAND HABITATS (UPLAND TO MESIC)

<b><i>Invasives – Herbs (established: do not list!)</i></b>	<b>Common name</b>
<i>Agrostis: capillaris, stolonifera</i>	<i>Bentgrass: colonial, creeping</i>
<i>Aira caryophylla var. caryophylla</i>	<i>Silver hairgrass (tiny; often beneath other plants)</i>
<i>Anthoxanthum odorata</i>	<i>Sweet vernalgrass</i>
<i>Bromus: diandrus, hordeaceus, secalinus, sterilis</i>	<i>Brome: ripgut, soft, rye, sterile</i>
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	<i>Hedgehog dogtail</i>
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	<i>orchardgrass</i>
<i>Daucus carota</i>	<i>Queen Anne's Lace, wild carrot</i>
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	<i>Tall fescue</i>
<i>Geranium: dissectum, molle</i>	<i>Geranium: cutleaf, soft</i>
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	<i>False dandelion, cat's ear</i>
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	<i>Oxeye daisy</i>
<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	<i>medusahead</i>
<i>Vicia: cracca, hirsuta, sativa, tetrasperma</i>	<i>Cat peas, hairy vetch, common vetch, slender vetch</i>
<b><i>Invasives – Shrubs (established)</i></b>	<b>Common name</b>
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	<i>Scot's broom</i>
<i>Rosa eglanteria; multiflora</i>	<i>Rose: sweetbriar, multiflora</i>
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	<i>Armenian blackberry (aka Himalaya blackberry)</i>
<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	<i>Evergreen blackberry</i>
<b><i>Invasives – herbs &amp; shrubs (new invaders)</i></b>	<b>Common name</b>
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	<i>Tall oatgrass</i>
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	<i>False brome</i>
<i>Lathyrus: latifolius, sylvestris</i>	<i>Perennial sweetpea, narrowleaf pea</i>
<i>Cotoneaster, Pyracantha, Ligustrum, Prunus, Pyrus</i>	<i>Ornamental shrubs/trees: cotoneasters, pyracanthas, privets, cherries, pear</i>

## II. SPECIES OF PRAIRIE/MEADOW, SAVANNA & OPEN WOODLAND HABITATS (MESIC TO WETLAND)

Invasives – Herbs (Established)	Common name
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada thistle
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Velvetgrass
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Parentucellia
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed canarygrass

## III. SPECIES OF FOREST HABITATS

Invasives – Herbs (established)	Common name
<i>Hedera helix/hibernica</i>	English/Irish ivy
<i>Lactuca muralis</i>	Wall lettuce
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort
<i>Melissa officinalis</i>	Lemon mint
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping buttercup
Invasives – Herbs (new invaders)	Common name
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False brome
Geranium: <i>lucidum</i> , <i>robertianum</i>	Geranium: shining, Robert's (aka stinky Bob)
Invasives – Shrubs (new invaders)	Common name
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge laurel
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	English holly
Prunus: <i>laurocerasus</i> , <i>lusitanica</i>	Laurel: English, Portugal
Invasives – Trees (new invaders)	Common name
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway maple
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	horsechestnut
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Sweet (or Mazzard or bird) cherry
<i>Prunus domestica</i> , <i>cerasifera</i>	Plum: garden, Thundercloud
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California bay laurel