

WEED WARNING!

Weeds to Watch for in the Portland Metro Area

Invasive plants are one of the biggest threats to native ecosystems and the value of agricultural lands and neighborhoods. Although many harmful invasive plants are still not abundant, they could create big problems if allowed to grow out of control.



Kudzu

High-climbing vine with fuzzy leaflets-of-three, which sprout from woody stems. Sports clusters of purple to red flowers in mid-summer.



Yellow Floating Heart

Waterlily-like aquatic plant with heart-shaped leaves that have purple undersides. Bears yellow flowers with five fringed petals.



Porcelain Berry

Woody vine with heart-shaped leaves that use tendrils to climb over other vegetation. Bears tiny greenish-white flowers that grow in clusters and colorful berries in shades of white,



Sulphur Cinquefoil

Posses a woody rootstock and hairy stems and leaves. Its branchless stems are adorned by flat-topped flowers with five light yellow petals surrounding a dark yellow center.

If you see these plants escaping into wildlands or other places they do not belong, please call 1-866-INVADER.

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