

WEED WARNING!

Weeds to Watch for in the Mid Willamette Valley

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.



Jubata Grass



Pampas Grass

Jubata/Pampas Grass

Very tall, clumped grasses with serrated leaf margins and erect flower plumes.



Garlic Mustard

Distinguished by its white flowers with four petals, kidney-shaped leaves, "s"-shaped taproot, and the garlicky odor that's emitted from crushed leaves and stems.



Italian Arum

Tuberous plant with arrow-shaped, marbled leaves and a column of tiny white or yellow flowers that is encased by a greenish-white hood. The foliage is replaced by orange-red berries in the summer.



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

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