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FLEPPC List Definitions:

Exotic—a species introduced to Florida, purpose-fully or accidentally, from a natural range outside of Florida. **Native**—a species whose natural range includes Florida. **Naturalized exotic**—an exotic that sustains itself outside cultivation (it is still exotic; it has not “become” native).

Invasive exotic— an exotic that has not only naturalized, but is expanding on its own in Florida native plant communities.

Zone: N = north, C = central, S = south, Referring to each species’ general distribution in regions of Florida (not its potential range in the state). Please refer to the map below.



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Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council’s 2019 List of Invasive Plant Species

The mission of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council is to reduce the impacts of invasive plants in Florida through the exchange of scientific, educational, and technical information.

Note: The FLEPPC List of Invasive Plant Species is not a regulatory list. Only those plants listed as Federal Noxious Weeds, Florida Noxious Weeds, Florida Prohibited Aquatic Plants, or in local ordinances are regulated by law.

Purpose of the List

To provide a list of plants determined by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council to be invasive in natural areas of Florida and routinely update the list based upon information of newly identified occurrences and changes in distribution over time. Also, to focus attention on:

- The adverse effects exotic pest plants have on Florida’s biodiversity and native plant communities,
- The habitat losses in natural areas from exotic pest plant infestations,
- The impacts on endangered species via habitat loss and alteration,
- The need for pest plant management,
- The socio-economic impacts of these plants (e.g., increased wildfires or flooding in certain areas),
- Changes in the severity of different pest plant infestations over time,
- Providing information to help managers set priorities for research and control programs.

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