Invaders for Sale Buyer Beware!



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Outline

About RISCC

Climate Change and Invasive Plants

Invaders for Sale

 \otimes What can we do?

About Me

♦ Teaching:

- ♦ Quantitative Ecology: Application of statistical modeling to ecological problems
- Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Statistics: Understanding ecological problems in a spatial context
- ♦ Current Research Projects
 - UMass Cranberry Bog: Late water treatment alternative to herbicide/pesticide application
 - ♦ Spatial patterns of tree damage in Tampa FL during hurricane Irma

About Me

- ♦ Garden Club of Amherst:
 - \diamond l'm an avid gardener
 - Personal interest in the effects of invasive species and climate change. What can I do help?
- ♦ Invasion Ecology
 - ♦ Northeast Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change Network (RISCC)

Northeast Regional Invasive Species Management

Mission Statement:

The Northeast Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change (RISCC) Management Network aims to reduce the compounding effects of invasive species and climate change by **synthesizing** relevant science, **communicating** the needs of managers to researchers, **building** stronger scientist-manager communities, and **conducting priority research**.



Translational Ecology: Actionable Science

Translational ecology (TE) is an approach in which ecologists, stakeholders, and decision makers work together to develop research that addresses the sociological, ecological, and political contexts of an environmental problem



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Leadership Team

We support a network of ~ 450 invasive species managers





So... What do we do at RISCC?

Translational Invasion Ecology

At RISCC, we apply principles of TE to the twin challenges of Invasive Species (IS) and Climate Change (CC)

Morelli et al In Review

Synthesize The Science!

Our survey revealed that a lack of information, or access to information, is a key barrier to including climate change in management actions.

RISCC helps make information accessible and available to land managers.

Beaury et al. 2020

Synthesize The Science!

We create and distribute biweekly research summaries to our listserv.

We produce semiannual, 2-page Management Challenges.

Preparing for sleeper species Climate change could awaken some naturalized species

Summary

Many naturalized non-native species never become invasive and generally are not prioritized for management due to limited resources. However, climate change could enhance the success of these species, causing some to become invasive. Therefore, we need to reassess the current pool of naturalized species to identify and prioritize management of 'sleeper' species

What are sleeper species?

Sleeper species are naturalized in a region, potentially invasive, but not yet invasive because they are limited by biotic or abiotic conditions. Many naturalized species remain at low abundance and will never become invasive, but others are constrained by unfavorable climate conditions. Climate change could create newly favorable conditions for naturalized species limited by climate, enabling them to 'awaken' and resulting in rapid population growth and invasion

Nuisance Neonatives Guidelines for Assessing Range-Shifting Species

Summarv

Native species will need to shift their ranges northward and upslope to keep pace with climate change in the Northeast U.S. However, this may cause some range-shifting species to have undesirable consequences in their expanded range. We provide a framework to identify the likelihood that a range-shifting species will become problematic and offer suggestions to minimize impacts from these species in the recipient habitat

What are nuisance neonatives'

Neonatives are native range-shifting species that have established themselves beyond their historical range. Unlike invasive species, neonatives could disperse into new areas unassisted by humans. However, like invasive species, s of mild with neonatives are expanding into novel environments at an accelerated rate due to human-induced climate change (see y to respon First disco Figure 1 for an example of a nuisance neonative species). The impacts of their movement to new recipient communities can vary from minimal to massive (e.g., species extinctions)

Definitions

Non-native: A species unlikely to without human assistance.

Naturalized: A non-native species with established populations but that is not spreading or causing nega-

Invasive: A non-native species that is naturalized and is spreading with negative economic and/or

Climate change: Rising temperatures, altered precipitation etc attributed to human activities that increase atmospheric greenhouse gases.

Regional Invasive Species & Climate Change Management Challenge

Why Native? Benefits of planting native species in a changing climate

Summary

ards host a variety of native and non-native plants. It is easy to assume all plants play a similar role in supporting wild ife, but native plants dramatically increase the diversity of bees, butterflies, birds and other native animals. Additionally on-native plants can become invasive or support invasive pests. Native plants increase biodiversity and reduce risk ciated with invasive species, which supports resilient ecosystems in the face of climate change

Native plants support native wildlife

Landscaping with native plants offers a unique opportunity to promote healthy, resilient ecosystems. Native plan upport a diverse food web due to a long history of interacting and evolving with other native wildlife. Most native sects evolved to be specialists on native plants. An example specialist is the monarch butterfly caterpillar, which on ts milkweed. Native plants support a more complex food web of both specialist and generalist insects, resulting in igher diversity and abundance of native birds, butterflies, and pollinators (Figure 1)

| Definitions | | |
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| Non-native: A species unlikely to have arrived without human assistance | Traditional landscaping: Predomi- nantly non-native, ornamental plants | Generalist: Uses a variety food and habitat resources |
| Invasive: An established non-native species that is spreading with negative impacts | Native landscaping: Predominantly plants indigenous to the region | Specialist: Uses only spec food and habitat resources |

Share Knowledge and Needs

Sharing knowledge and needs of IS managers through workshops and surveys

Knowledge sharing leads to RISCC products.

Taking Action: Managing invasive species in the context of climate change

Summary

Climate change is likely to alter the timing and effect of invasive species management, as well as the suite of species we are managing. Despite concern about the effects of climate change, lack of information about how and when to take action is a barrier to climate-smart invasive species management. Here, we outline strategies for incorporating climate change into management along with examples of tools that can inform proactive decision-making.

Motivations for incorporating climate change into management

- 1. Invasives may emerge earlier and persist longer in response to longer growing seasons
- 2. Warming causes invasives to shift their ranges into new ecosystems
- 3. Invasives are introduced via new shipping pathways due to sea ice melt
- 4. Extreme weather events and sea level rise cause disturbance that creates new opportunities for invasion
- 5. Herbicides may be less effective with higher atmospheric CO2
- 6. Invasives become more competitive with warming and higher atmospheric CO2

Northeast RISCC Management

Share Knowledge and Needs

What new invasive species are likely to emerge in your management area?

What types of native species are better choices for restoration?

How do we maximize treatments by adjusting timing?

How will treatment efficacy change and what alternative treatments work better?

Preventative Management

Recommendations:

- Plant species native to Eastern North America that are resistant to climate change (e.g., drought-tolerant, broad hardiness zones; Fig. 2).
- Develop watch lists and proactive management plans for invasive species predicted to shift into your region.
- Prioritize treatment of existing invasive species predicted to spread or increase in abundance with climate change.
- Monitor non-natives for increases in populations ('sleeper species').

Example: Tug Hill State Forest in NY planted native, warm-adapted trees to reduce future disturbance and resist invasions with climate change.

Fig 2. Climate Voyager maps future hardiness zones (climate.ncsu.edu/voyager/).

Treatment & Control

Recommendations:

- Time invasive species management with shifts in the growing season
- Test new management techniques in the event that existing treatments become less effective with climate change.
- Identify and monitor for range shifting invasive species.
- Connect with managers, both locally and in other regions, about effective treatments for watch list species.

Example: Pesticides need to be applied quickly following the emergence of Gypsy Moth caterpillars. Optimal timing for control can be predicted based on climate (Fig. 3). Sign up with the NPN to be notified ahead of time.

Fig 3. NPN phenology visualization tool (www.usanpn.org/data/visualizations).

Build Community

Creating networking and one-on-one conversation opportunities

For example, webinars on rangeshifting invasive species:

- Advice from a manager
- Advice from a scientist

Native to eastern Asia
Shade tolerant annual
May fill "empty niche"
Few herbivores/pathogens

Priority Research

Our research priorities include: Resilient Communities Range Shifting Species Biocontrol Efficacy

https://www.eddmaps.org/rangeshiftlisting/

Work led by Jenica Allen

Priority Research: Range Shifting Plants

Arundo donax (giant reed)

HIGH Impact: Outcompetes native wetland plants, alters wetland structure, increases fire frequency, acts as a host for crop pests and pathogens.

HIGH Vulnerability: Invades rivers, streams, wetlands, and coastal areas. Widely introduced as a biofuel crop, could arrive quickly. Difficult to control and spreads by rhizomes along waterways.

Have a seat at our table! Join us at: risccnetwork.org

Twin Challenges: Climate Change and Invasive Species

How is climate changing?

Rising CO₂

Other greenhouse gasses, but CO2 is most important

What does rising CO₂ mean for climate? Rising temperatures (stronger greenhouse effect)

Altered precipitation (varies by region)

Greater variability: more extreme events

Changing climate, new ecosystems

How do Climate Change and Invasive Species Interact?

The Northeast is also a hotspot of future plant invasions

Allen & Bradley, 2016

Invasives emerge earlier and stay longer due to extended growing seasons

Climate extremes create new opportunities for invasion

Herbicides are less

atmospheric CO₂

effective with higher

Invasives shift their ranges into new ecosystems with warming

Invasives are introduced through new pathways due to sea ice melt

Invasives become more competitive with warming and higher atmospheric CO₂ Bradley et al. 2019 https://doi.org/10.7275/mrf6p616

It's Not All Bad

There are things that we gardeners can do to help! "If you have a backyard, this book is for you." -Richard Louv, author of Last Child in the Woods

Bringing Nature Home

UPDATED AND EXPANDED

How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants

Douglas W. Tallamy

"Chances are, you have never thought of your garden—indeed, of all of the space on your property—as a wildlife preserve that represents the last chance we have for sustaining plants and animals that were once common throughout the U.S. But that is exactly the role our suburban landscapes are now playing and will play even more in the near future." -Doug Tallamy

Gardening as an ecological tool

Growing popularity of pollinator gardens

What Pollinator Plants are Blooming *Mow*

Did you know there are **49 species** of bumblebees in the United States?

Many bumblebee species have declining populations.

Citizen Science Climate Activism

TORREYA

GUARDIANS

"assisted migration" of the most endangered conifer in the world

Gardens and assisted migration

The intentional introduction of species outside of their historic ranges into more climatically favorable regions

Assisted Migration: Gardens as 'stepping stones'

We're already doing assisted migration with nursery plants

Take home point:

If we want species to survive extinction, we need to help them move

Key take-home points

Climate change is already here

 A changed climate may provide new opportunities for invasive plants

A changing climate brings challenges...and
 opportunities for gardeners!

RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

Invaders for sale: the ongoing spread of invasive species by the plant trade industry

Evelyn M Beaury^{1*}, Madeline Patrick², and Bethany A Bradley^{1,2}

Invaders for Sale

Global Trade: Source of many awesome new ornamental plants...and not-so-awesome invasive species

"The most remarkable climbing vine of the age"

> "The vine is extremely **rapid and dense in growth**, making it of great value where a quickly produced shade is wanted. Unlike many of our vines, it requires little or no care."

What could go wrong?

The most remarkable climbing vine of the age turned into this:

Figure 1 in Nelson and Bone 2015

The Horticultural Trade Network: A source for the introduction and spread of invasive plants and pathogens Ornamental Plants as Invasive Species About 60% of invasive plants were deliberately introduced (but probably not with malicious intent)

Lehan et al. 2013

Ornamental pathway: 47% of all invasive plants

The U.S. is adopted home to more than 1000 invasive plants

Can I buy a noxious weed, please?

To answer this question, Eve Beaury conducted an extensive search of plants for sale in the lower 48 states:

Nursery Catalogs

Internet plant sources

Scientific Name

Aeginetia L.

Ageratina adenophora (Spreng.) R.M. King & H. Rob. Alectra Thunb.

Alternanthera sessilis (L.) R. Br. ex DC.

Asphodelus fistulosus L.

Avena sterilis L.

Azolla pinnata R. Br.

Carthamus oxyacanthus M. Bieb.

Carthamus oxyacantha M. Bieb., orth. var. Caulerpa taxifolia (Vahl) C. Agardhi

Chrysopogon aciculatus (Retz.) Trin.

Commelina benghalensis L.

Crupina vulgaris Cass.

Cuscuta L.2

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Digitaria abyssinica (Hochst. ex A. Rich.) Stapf Digitaria scalarum (Schweinf.) Chiov.

Digitaria velutina (Forssk.) P. Beauv.

Drymaria arenarioides Humb. & Bonpl. ex Schult. [excluded] Eichhornia azurea (Sw.) Kunth

Emex australis Steinh.

Emex spinosa (L.) Campd.

Galega officinalis L.

Heracleum mantegazzianum Sommier & Levier

Hydrilla verticillata (L. f.) Royle

Hygrophila polysperma (Roxb.) T. Anderson

Imperata brasiliensis Trin. Imperata cylindrica (L.) P. Beauv.

Ipomoea aquatica Forssk.

Ischaemum rugosum Salisb.

Lagarosiphon major (Ridley) Moss

Leptochloa chinensis (L.) Nees [excluded]

Limnophila sessiliflora (Vahl) Blume

Lycium ferocissimum Miers

Lycium ferrocissimum Miers, orth. var.

Lygodium flexuosum (L.) Sw. Melaleuca quinquenervia (Cav.) S.F. Blake Melastoma malabathricum L.

Mikania cordata (Burm. f.) B.L. Rob. [excluded] Mikania micrantha Kunth Noxious Common Name

crofton weed

sessile joyweed onionweed animated oat mosquito fern

wild safflower

pilipiliula Benghal dayflower common crupina dodder

African couch grass velvet fingergrass alfombrilla anchored waterhyacinth three-cornered jack devil's thorn goatsrue giant hogweed hydrilla Miramar weed Brazilian satintail cogongrass Chinese waterspinach

murain-grass oxygen weed Asian sprangletop

ambulia

African boxthorn maidenhair creeper melaleuca

mile-a-minute mile-a-minute

A LOT OF GOOGLING!

n = 1285 invasive plants in the U.S.

Of the 1285 invasive plants in the U.S...

- 61% are still sold as ornamentals
- Invasive plants available for purchase in all L48 states
- 44% of available species were state-regulated
- 20 species were Federal noxious weeds

61% of known invasive species are still sold as ornamentals

Chinese silvergrass (Miscanthus Japanese barberry sinensis)

- Invasive in eastern U.S.
- Outcompetes native plants
- links to increased fire frequency
- Regulated in CT
- Sold by 140 vendors in 37 states

- (Berberis thunbergii)
- Invasive in eastern U.S.
- Forms dense thickets, carries ticks with Lyme
- Regulated in CT, MA, ME, MN, NH, NY, VT, WI, WV
- Sold by 109 vendors in 29 states

Cogongrass (Imperata cylindrica)

- IUCN: "world's most invasive plants"
- Federal noxious weed
- Sold by 33 vendors in 17 states

Invasive plants available for purchase in all L48 states

Invasive plants available for purchase in all L48 states

Q Search for anything

eBay > Home & Garden > Yard, Garden & Outdoor Living > Plants, Seeds & Bulbs > Seeds & Bulbs > Vine Seeds

Celastrus orbiculatus BITTERSWEET VINE Seeds

Be the first to write a review | About this product

Best pick

\$4.99 + \$2.99 Shipping

What can I do to help?

Steps you can take

♦ Check before you buy:

♦ There are lots of great lists of invasive plants.

 \otimes Use native and climate-smart plants in your garden

♦ Check out lists of native alternatives

Steps you can take

Communicate with your local garden center
Let them know if you see an invasive for sale.
Nurseries don't usually want to sell invasives on purpose.
Nurseries will respond to their customers' interests
Educate your friends and fellow gardeners
Be kind, no plant shaming!

Check Before You Buy

Resources - Invasive Plant Lists: Check before you buy

New York State Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Plants

September 10, 2014

Resources - Invasive Plant Lists: Check before you buy

Dr. Google to the rescue!

GitHub

YouTube

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Plant native and climate-smart alternatives

https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/Native Plant Materials/Native Gardening/alternatives.shtml

| Problem Plant | Desirable Characteristics | Great Alternatives |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Japanese Wisteria | showy flowers, fragrance | woodland phlox, <i>Phlox divaricatus</i> sweet azalea, <i>Rhododendron canescens</i> coast azalea, <i>Rhododendron atlanticum</i> American wisteria, <i>Wisteria frutescens</i> |
| Japanese Honeysuckle | fragrant flowers | leatherflower, <i>Clematis viorna</i> Carolina jasmine, <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> trumpet honeysuckle, <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> sweetbay magnolia, <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> purple passionflower, <i>Passiflora incarnata</i> |

Native alternatives to invasive ornamentals: US Forest Service list

The internet is a great place to buy invasive plants...

| 16,261 sales 4.3 ★★★★ ★ (2,725 | i reviews) |
|--|---|
| ENCORE Miscanthus Ornamental 1 Live Pl Fast Growing Plants | s Grass Perennial ant Clumping Non-invasive |
| \$14.9 <mark>9</mark> | ✓ In stock |
| Quantity | |
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| Add to | cart u'll receive this item by <u>Nov 9-13</u> . |
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1 Live Plant - Miscanthus sinesis Encore - Perennial

The internet is also a great place to find non-invasive alternatives!

HERBACEOUS PLANTS Alternatives Invasive Chinese (Japanese) Silver Grass or Big Bluestem**, Andropogon Maiden Grass, Miscanthus sinensis gerardi Feather Reed Grass, Calamagrostis x acutiflora Korean Feather Reed Grass, Calamagrostis brachytricha Bottlebrush grass**, Elymus hystrix Switch Grass**, Panicum virgatum & cultivars Indian grass**, Sorghastrum

New York State Integrated Pest Management

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Pink Muhly grass is a great non-invasive alternative to Miscanthus

There are lots of beautiful cultivars of panic grass too. Gardening with climate-smart native plants in the Northeast

Definitions

USDA Plant Hardiness Zone: Zones based on minimum temperature that are used to determine where plants can grow.

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Invasive: A species that is established and spreading with negative impacts to native

Sources

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Native Alternatives for Climate Smart Gardening

| | Species | Growth Form | Hardiness Zones | Planting Conditions | Benefits |
|------------|--|----------------|--------------------|---|-------------|
| se | Big blue stem (Andropogon gerardii) | Grass | 4-9 | | ۱ |
| assi | Canada wild rye (<i>Elymus canadensis</i>) | Grass | 3-8 | | ≯ ⊗ |
| อี | Indian grass (Sorghastrum nutans) | Grass | 4-9 | | > |
| ative | Little bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium) | Grass | 3-9 | | ۵ 🛞 |
| Ž | Sideoats grama (Bouteloua curtipendula) | Grass | 4-9 | | * > > |
| | Beardtongue (Penstemon digitalis) | Herb | 3-8 | | 🛞 🎽 🎽 🛞 |
| | Blazing star (Liatris spicata) | Herb | 3-8 | ♦ 🔆 | * 🔆 🏏 🛞 |
| | Blue false indigo (Baptisia australis) | Herb | 3-9 | | 😤 🎽 👾 🛛 🛞 🛞 |
| Herbs | Blue flag iris (Iris versicolor) | Herb | 3-9 | *¤;/;•• •/• | * 🛞 🛞 |
| | Blue lobelia (Lobelia siphilitica) | Herb | 4-9 | *¢*/•• | * 🛞 🛞 |
| | Butterfly weed (Asclepias tuberosa) | Herb | 3-9 | | 🌸 🔅 🛞 🛞 |
| ing | Cardinal flower (Lobelia cardinalis) | Herb | 3-9 | *¢ / | 🌻 🔌 🎽 🋞 |
| Wer | Foam flower (<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>) | Herb | 4-9 | ×¢ | * 🛞 🛞 |
| Native Flo | Ironweed (Vernonia noveboracensis) | Herb | 5-9 | ```````````````````````````````````` | * 🎽 🕅 🖗 |
| | Joe pye weed (Eutrochium fistulosum) | Herb | 4-8 | | 🌸 👾 🛞 🛞 |
| | Lance leaf coreopsis (Coreopsis lanceolata) | Herb | 4-9 | | * 👾 🛞 |
| | Monkey flower (<i>Mimulus ringens</i>) | Herb | 4-9 | | * 🛞 🛞 |
| | New England aster (Symphyotrichum novae-angliae) | Herb | 4-8 | ۵ | * 👾 🏏 |
| | Obedient plant (Physostegia virginiana) | Herb | 3-9 | ♦ ♦ | * 🎽 🛞 |

Benefits of landscaping with native plants

Some native plant sources

- ♦ Prairie Moon Nursery
- ♦ Prairie Nursery
- ♦ High Country Gardens
- ♦ Look for plants labeled native at your local nurseries

Questions?

Links to selected resources

- Image: NY State prohibited and regulated invasive plants guide
 - https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/isprohibitedplants2.pdf
- Northeast Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change Network
 - https://www.risccnetwork.org/
- Alternatives to Ornamental Invasive Plants: A Sustainable Solution for New York State
 - <u>https://nysipm.cornell.edu/agriculture/ornamental-crops/greenhouse-resources/alternatives-ornamental-invasive-plants-sustainable-solution-new-york-state/</u>

Links to selected resources

- US Forest Service Native Alternatives List
 - Inttps://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/Native Plant Materials/Native Gardening/alternatives.shtml
- New York Invasive Species Research Institute
 - http://www.nyisri.org/