

Upcoming Invasive Species Workshops and Workdays:

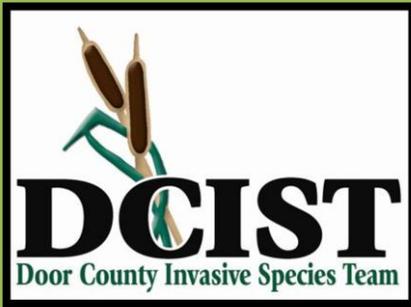
Cutleaf Teasel Workshop
August 29th from 9am-12pm
Meet at Sister Bay Marina

A new invader has been found scattered around Door County this summer, cutleaf teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*), an exotic brought to North America from Europe in the 1700's. This aggressive plant can form extensive monocultures if left untreated. Cutleaf teasel can be identified by its unique inflorescence, which produces small, white flowers packed in dense, oval seed heads. It prefers open, sunny habitats including roadsides and heavily disturbed areas. The plant produces an abundance of seeds and is easily spread by mowing equipment. Join DCIST to learn how to identify exotic teasels and what you can do to control them. We'll also be working on cutting and bagging the seed heads to prevent further spread at this site. Meet at the Sister Bay Marina parking lot (10733 North Bay Shore Drive, Sister Bay) at 9am and from there we will drive to the site. If you would like to come for part of the time, but cannot meet at 9am, call Kari at (920) 743-8695 to make arrangements. Hope to see you there!



Clark Lake Phragmites Fest
Saturday September 8th, 8:30am – 4:00pm

DCIST would like to invite you to volunteer your time on the shoreline of our very own Clark Lake. On Saturday September 8th, the Clark Lake Advancement Association will be holding their annual Phragmites Fest and they are in need of volunteers, especially those certified in aquatic pesticide application. Clark Lake and its watershed provide critical habitat for numerous native, aquatic and terrestrial organisms. The lake also composes portions of the of the Logan Creek and Whitefish Dunes State Natural Areas. It is important to protect these unique Door County landscapes from invaders like Phragmites and we hope you'll join the fight! Tools and personal safety equipment will be provided as well as lunch and water. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Paul Schumacher of the Clark Lake Advancement Association at spaulsdoor@aol.com.



Reminders & Notes:

Invasives Mapping

We are always looking to expand our inventory of invasive species infestations in Door County! If you are interested in volunteering to collect GPS information on the locations of invasive plants, please contact Kari at (920) 743-8695 or DCIST1@gmail.com. We will provide training in identification/mapping and equipment.

Log your hours!

Whether at home or out with a crew, your volunteer time controlling invasives is valuable. Please try to send these signed copies of our Volunteer Effort form (available at our webpage <http://map.co.door.wi.us/swcd/invasive/>) to the Kari Hagenow, the DCIST coordinator, at 242 Michigan Street—Suite B103, Sturgeon Bay WI 54303.

Landowner Visits!

Staff and volunteers are available for landowner visits to provide a brief survey of vegetation and suggestions of options for noxious weed control. Call to schedule a visit: DCIST1@gmail.com or (920) 743-8695 ext. 306.

**August's Most Wanted:
Japanese Knotweed
(Polygonum cuspidatum)**

Japanese Knotweed is a perennial plant that grows in dense clones up to 5-10 feet tall. The distinctive, arching stems are hollow and bamboo-like. During late summer, lacey two-inch long clusters of greenish-white flowers are produced.



This plant spreads mainly via its large underground network of rhizomes which can become strong enough to damage pavement and penetrate building foundations. Japanese knotweed has a tendency to invade stream banks and valuable wetland habitats, but is also commonly found along roads, railroads, and utility paths.



If you think you have seen our most wanted, please contact DCIST to discuss treatment options! Now is the time to treat and this is one you'll want to catch early!

On-going Invasive Species Workshops and Workdays:

Peninsula State Park – “The Battle of the Invasives” continues every Tuesday at 9am. Volunteers meet in the Nature Center Parking Lot. Recent work involves the treatment of first-year garlic mustard plants. Garlic mustard is an exotic species from Europe that commonly invades upland and floodplain forests, savannas, yards, and along roadsides. For more information or to volunteer with the Friends of Peninsula State Park, please contact Gary Kemp at (608) 963-8705 or kemps99@msn.com.

The Ridges Sanctuary – Barberry Pirates meet every Tuesday morning at 9am at the upper Range Light. Current efforts involve the chemical treatment of crown vetch, a herbaceous, creeping perennial. The plant's native habitat includes Europe, Southeast Asia, and northern Africa, but it was brought to North America as a green fertilizer crop and to stabilize roadways and stream banks. To receive weekly updates from the TRS weed crew, contact Marne Kaeske at (920) 839-2802 or marne@ridgessanctuary.org.

DSA (Door Stewardship Alliance) – Meets every Tuesday and works on invasive species projects alternating at Door County Land Trust and Nature Conservancy properties throughout Door County. Contact Bobbie Webster or Kari Hagenow for more information or to be added to the DSA listserv, bwebster@doorcountylantrust.org or khagenow@tnc.org.

Don't forget to check out the DCIST webpage or leave a message on our message line (920-746-5955) for more information on how to identify and treat invasives species in your own backyard.

**Please let us know about interest in
invasive education development, growing
threats and work parties in your
neighborhood!**