

## Invasive herbaceous species list 2010

The majority of exotic species found in Canada are European and Eurasian in origin. Many of these species share the same characteristics, such as rapid growth in a variety of conditions, abundant seed production, highly successful seed dispersal, germination, and colonization, the ability to propagate vegetatively, a lack of pests or pathogens acting as natural controls, the ability to out-compete native species, and a high cost to remove and control.

The following table lists the invasive risk for several potentially invasive plants found in Oakville. Developed by the Canadian Botanical Conservation Network.

SPECIES NAME	COMMON NAME(S)	Invasiveness
<i>Acinos arvensis</i>	Mother-of-thyme	Medium
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Goutweed	Low
<i>Agropyron pectiniforme</i>	Crested Wheat Grass	Medium
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugleweed, Bugle	Medium
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic mustard, Hedge garlic	High
<i>Ambrosia artemesiifoila</i>	Ragweed, Wild tansy, Hog-weed	Low
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	Angelica	High
<i>Artemesia absinthium</i>	Absinth, Wormwood	Low
<i>Asperula odorata</i>	Sweet woodruff	Medium
<i>Berteroa incana</i>	Hoary-alyssum	Low
<i>Bromus inermis</i>	Smooth brome grass	Low
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Flowering rush	Low
<i>Campanula ranunculoides</i>	Creeping bellflower	Medium
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	Nodding thistle, Musk thistle	Medium
<i>Centaurea maculosa</i>	Spotted knapweed	Medium
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Celandine, Swallowwort, Wartweed	Low
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada thistle, Creeping thistle	Low
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-valley	Low
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	Crown vetch	Medium
<i>Cystisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom	Medium
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel	Low
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy spurge, Wolf's milk, Faitour's Grass	High
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	White bedstraw, Cleavers, Wild madder	Medium
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	Great manna grass	Medium
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English ivy	Low
<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>	Orange daylily	Low
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Dame's rocket, Dame's violet	Low
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	European frog-bit	High
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	St. John's Wort, Rosin rose, Tipton-weed	Low
<i>Impatiens glandifera</i>	Himalayan balsam	Medium
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow flag	Medium
<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Perennial sweet pea, Everlasting pea	Medium

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Lunaria annua	Silver dollar, Honesty	Medium
Lysimachia nummularia	Moneywort, Creeping charlie	Low
Lythrum salicaria	Purple loosestrife, Swamp loosestrife	High
Medicago sativa	Alfalfa	Medium
Melilotus alba	White sweet clover, Honey clover	Low
Melilotus officinalis	Yellow sweet clover	Low
Miscanthus sinensis	Eulalia grass, Chinese silver grass	Medium
Myriophyllum spicatum	Eurasian water milfoil, Spiked water milfoil	High
Nymphoides peltatum	Floating heart, Yellow floating heart	Medium
Origanum vulgare	Wild marjoram, Wintersweet, Organdy	Medium
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed canary grass	Low
Phragmites communis	Common reed, Reed grass	Low
Poa compressa	Canada blue grass	Medium
Poa pratensis	Kentucky blue grass	Medium
Polygonum cuspidatum	Japanese knotweed, Mexican bamboo	High
Potamogeton crispus	Curly pondweed	Medium
Rorippa amphibia (islandica)	Marsh cress, Yellow water cress	Medium
Tanacetum vulgare	Common Tansy	Medium
Tussilago farfara	Coltsfoot	Medium
Verbascum thapsus	Mullein, Velvet dock, Jacobs-staff	Low
Vinca minor	Periwinkle, Myrtle	Low

Reference. **Canadian Botanical Conservation Network**

[http://www.rbq.ca/cbcn/en/projects/invasives/i\\_list.html](http://www.rbq.ca/cbcn/en/projects/invasives/i_list.html)