

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's 2001 List of Invasive Species

DEFINITIONS: *Exotic*—a species introduced to Florida, purposefully or accidentally, from a natural range outside of Florida. *Native*—a species whose natural range included Florida at the time of European contact (1500 AD). *Naturalized exotic*—an exotic that sustains itself outside cultivation (it has not "become" native). *Invasive exotic*—an exotic that not only has naturalized but is expanding on its own in Florida plant communities.

Abbreviations used:

for "Gov. list": **P** = Prohibited by Fla. Dept. of Environmental Protection, **N** = Noxious weed listed by Fla. Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, **U** = Noxious weed listed by U.S. Department of Agriculture. for "Reg. Dis.": **N** = north, **C** = central, **S** = south, referring to each species' current distribution in general regions of Florida (not its potential range in the state). See map.



Category I - Invasive exotics that are altering native plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives. *This definition does not rely on the economic severity or geographic range of the problem, but on the documented ecological damage caused.*

Scientific Name	Common Name	Gov. list	Reg. Dist.
<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	rosary pea		C, S
<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i>	earleaf acacia		S
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	mimosa, silk tree		N, C
<i>Albizia lebeck</i>	woman's tongue		C, S
<i>Ardisia crenata</i> (= <i>A. crenulata</i>)	coral ardisia		N, C
<i>Ardisia elliptica</i> (= <i>A. humilis</i>)	shoebutton ardisia		S
<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>	asparagus-fern		C, S
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	orchid tree		C, S
<i>Bischofia javanica</i>	bischofia		C, S
<i>Calophyllum antillanum</i> (= <i>C. calaba</i> ; <i>C. inophyllum</i> misapplied)	santa maria (names "mast wood," "Alexandrian laurel" used in cultivation)		S
<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>	Australian pine	P	N,C,S
<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	suckering Australian pine	P	C, S
<i>Cestrum diurnum</i>	day jessamine		C, S
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	camphor-tree		N,C,S
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	wild taro		N,C,S
<i>Colubrina asiatica</i>	lather leaf		S
<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>	carrotwood	N	C, S
<i>Dioscorea alata</i>	winged yam	N	N,C,S
<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i>	air-potato	N	N,C,S
<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	water-hyacinth	P	N,C,S
<i>Eugenia uniflora</i>	Surinam cherry		C, S
<i>Ficus microcarpa</i> (<i>F. nitida</i> & <i>F. retusa</i> var. <i>nitida</i> misapplied)	laurel fig		C, S
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	hydrilla	P, U	N,C,S
<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>	green hygro	P, U	N,C,S
<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>	West Indian marsh grass		C, S
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> (<i>I. brasiliensis</i> misapplied)	cogon grass	N, U	N, C, S
<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i>	waterspinach	P, U	C
<i>Jasminum dichotomum</i>	Gold Coast jasmine		C, S
<i>Jasminum fluminense</i>	Brazilian jasmine		C, S
<i>Lantana camara</i>	lantana, shrub verbena		N,C,S
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	glossy privet		N, C
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	Chinese privet, hedge privet		N,C,S
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle		N,C,S
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	Japanese climbing fern	N	N,C, S
<i>Lygodium microphyllum</i>	Old World climbing fern	N	C, S
<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>	cat's claw vine		N,C, S
<i>Manilkara zapota</i>	sapodilla		S

<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	melaleuca, paper bark	P, N, U	C, S
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Chinaberry		N,C,S
<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	cat-claw mimosa	P, N, U	C, S
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	nandina, heavenly bamboo		N
<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i>	sword fern		N,C,S
<i>Nephrolepis multiflora</i>	Asian sword fern		C, S
<i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i>	Burma reed; cane grass	N	S
<i>Paederia cruddasiana</i>	sewer vine, onion vine	N	S
<i>Paederia foetida</i>	skunk vine	N	N,C,S
<i>Panicum repens</i>	torpedo grass		N,C,S
<i>Pennisetum purpureum</i>	Napier grass		C, S
<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	water lettuce	P	N,C,S
<i>Psidium cattleianum</i> (= <i>P. littorale</i>)	strawberry guava		C, S
<i>Psidium guajava</i>	guava		C, S
<i>Pueraria montana</i> (= <i>P. lobata</i>)	kudzu	N, U	N,C, S
<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i>	downy rose-myrtle	N	C, S
<i>Rhoeo spathacea</i> (see <i>Tradescantia spathacea</i>)			
<i>Ruellia brittoniana</i>	Mexican petunia		N, C, S
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	popcorn tree, Chinese tallow tree	N	N, C, S
<i>Scaevola sericea</i> (= <i>Scaevola taccada</i> var. <i>sericea</i> , <i>S. frutescens</i>)	scaevola, half-flower, beach naupaka		C, S
<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i> (= <i>Brassaia actinophylla</i>)	schefflera, Queensland umbrella tree		C, S
<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	Brazilian pepper	P, N	N, C, S
<i>Senna pendula</i> (= <i>Cassia coluteoides</i>)	climbing cassia, Christmas cassia, Christmas senna		C, S
<i>Solanum tampicense</i> (= <i>S. houstonii</i>)	wetland night shade, aquatic soda apple	N, U	C, S
<i>Solanum viarum</i>	tropical soda apple	N, U	N, C, S
<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	arrowhead vine		C, S
<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	jambolan, Java plum		C, S
<i>Tectaria incisa</i>	incised halberd fern		S
<i>Thespesia populnea</i>	seaside mahoe		C, S
<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	white-flowered wandering jew		N, C
<i>Tradescantia spathacea</i> (= <i>Rhoeo spathacea</i> , <i>Rhoeo discolor</i>)	oyster plant		S
<i>Urochloa mutica</i> (= <i>Brachiaria mutica</i>)	Pará grass		C, S

Category II - Invasive exotics that have increased in abundance or frequency but have not yet altered Florida plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species. *These species may become ranked Category I, if ecological damage is demonstrated.*

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<i>Adenanthera pavonina</i>	red sandalwood		S
<i>Agave sisalana</i>	sisal hemp		C, S
<i>Aleurites fordii</i> (= <i>Vernicia fordii</i>)	tung oil tree		N, C
<i>Alstonia macrophylla</i>	devil-tree		S
<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	alligator weed	P	N, C, S
<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	coral vine		N, C, S
<i>Aristolochia littoralis</i>	calico flower		N, C
<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	Ganges primrose		C, S
<i>Begonia cucullata</i>	begonia		N, C
<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	paper mulberry		N, C
<i>Callisia fragrans</i>	inch plant, spironema		C, S
<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>	Australian pine	P	C, S
<i>Cordia dichotoma</i>	sebsten plum		S
<i>Cryptostegia madagascariensis</i>	rubber vine		C, S
<i>Cyperus involucratus</i> (<i>C. alternifolius</i> misapplied)	umbrella plant		C, S
<i>Cyperus prolifer</i>	dwarf papyrus		C
<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Indian rosewood, sissoo		C, S
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	thorny eleagnus		N, C
<i>Epipremnum pinnatum</i> cv. Aureum	pothos		C, S
<i>Ficus altissima</i>	false banyan		S
<i>Flacourtia indica</i>	governor's plum		S
<i>Flueggea virosa</i>	Chinese waterberry		S
<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>	mahoe, sea hibiscus		C, S
<i>Hiptage benghalensis</i>	hiptage		S
<i>Jasminum sambac</i>	Arabian jasmine		S
<i>Koelreuteria elegans</i>	flamegold tree		C, S

<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	lead tree		N, C, S
<i>Limmophila sessiliflora</i>	Asian marshweed		N, C, S
<i>Melinis minutiflora</i>	molasses grass		S
<i>Merremia tuberosa</i>	wood-rose		S
<i>Murraya paniculata</i>	orange-jessamine		S
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian water-milfoil	P	N, C, S
<i>Ochrosia elliptica</i> (= <i>O. parviflora</i>)	kopsia		C, S
<i>Oeceoclades maculata</i>	ground orchid		C, S
<i>Passiflora biflora</i>	twin-flowered passion vine		S
<i>Passiflora foetida</i>	stinking passion-flower		C, S
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	green fountain grass		S
<i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	Senegal date palm		C, S
<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	golden bamboo		N, C
<i>Pteris vittata</i>	Chinese brake fern		N, C, S
<i>Ptychosperma elegans</i>	solitary palm		S
<i>Rhynchelytrum repens</i>	Natal grass		N, C, S
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	castor bean		N, C, S
<i>Sansevieria hyacinthoides</i>	bowstring hemp		C, S
<i>Sesbania punicea</i>	purple sesban, rattlebox		N, C, S
<i>Solanum diphyllum</i>	twinleaf nightshade		N, C, S
<i>Solanum jamaicense</i>	Jamaica nightshade		C
<i>Solanum torvum</i>	susumber, turkey berry	N, U	N, C, S
<i>Syzygium jambos</i>	rose-apple		C, S
<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	tropical almond		C, S
<i>Terminalia muelleri</i>	Australian almond		C, S
<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>	puncture vine, bur-nut		N, C, S
<i>Urena lobata</i>	Caesar's weed		N, C, S
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	wedelia		N, C, S
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese wisteria		N, C
<i>Xanthosoma sagittifolium</i>	malanga, elephant ear		N, C, S

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