



Non-Native Invasive Plant Species Listed in Various UK and EU Acts and Regulations

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Notes: Excludes seaweeds. These lists are under periodic review and may change, e.g. the EU IAS list of ‘Species of EU concern’ is currently being reviewed annually.

Scientific name	Common name	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; Schedule 9 (England and Wales)	WANE (Northern Ireland) Act 2011; Schedule 1 ¹	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; Schedule 9 (Scotland) ¹	EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation 2014 ¹
<i>Acacia saligna</i> (<i>A. cyanophylla</i>)	Golden wreath wattle				X
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree-of-heaven				X
<i>Allium paradoxum</i>	Few-flowered leek	X	X	X	
<i>Allium triquetrum</i>	Three-cornered garlic	X			
<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	Alligator weed				X
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	Broomsedge bluestem				X
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant reed		X		
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common milkweed				X
<i>Azolla filiculoides</i>	Water fern	X	X	X	
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Eastern baccharis				X
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Carolina water-shield (Fanwort)	X	X	X	X
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	Balloon vine				X
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Hottentot fig	X	X	X	
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	Purple pampas grass				X
<i>Cotoneaster bullatus</i>	Hollyberry cotoneaster	X			
<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>	Wall cotoneaster	X			
<i>Cotoneaster integrifolius</i>	Entire-leaved cotoneaster	X			
<i>Cotoneaster microphyllus</i>	Small-leaved cotoneaster	X			
<i>Cotoneaster simonsii</i>	Himalayan cotoneaster	X			
<i>Crassula helmsii</i>	NZ pygmyweed, Australian swamp stonecrop	X	X	X	
<i>Crocsmia x crocosmiiflora</i>	Montbretia	X			
<i>Disphyma crassifolium</i>	Purple dewplant	X			
<i>Egeria densa</i>	Large-flowered waterweed		X		
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	Perennial veldt grass				X
<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	Water hyacinth	X		X	X
<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Canadian waterweed	X ²	X ²		
<i>Elodea nuttallii</i>	Nuttall's waterweed	X	X		X

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<i>Fallopia japonica</i> ³	Japanese knotweed	X	X	X	
<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i> ³	Bohemian or Hybrid knotweed	X			
<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i> ³	Giant knotweed	X	X		
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Shallon			X	
<i>Gunnera tinctoria</i>	Chilean rhubarb	X	X		X
<i>Gymnocornis spillanthoides</i>	Senegal tea plant				X
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Giant hogweed	X		X	X
<i>Heracleum persicum</i>	Persian hogweed				X
<i>Heracleum sosnowskyi</i>	Sosnowski's hogweed				X
<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>	Sea-buckthorn		X		
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Spanish bluebell		X		
<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>	Floating pennywort	X	X		X
<i>Humulus scandens</i> ⁴	Japanese hop				X
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Himalayan balsam	X	X		X
<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	Curly waterweed	X	X	X	X
<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon argentatum</i>	Variegated yellow archangel	X			
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i> (<i>Lespedeza juncea</i> var. <i>sericea</i>)	Chinese bush-clover				X
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle		X		
<i>Ludwigia grandiflora</i>	Water primrose	X	X		X
<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	Creeping water-primrose, Floating primrose-willow	X	X		X
<i>Ludwigia uruguayensis</i>	Uruguayan water-primrose	X	X		
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	Japanese climbing fern, Vine-like fern				X
<i>Lysichiton americanus</i>	American skunk-cabbage		X		X
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	Japanese stilt-grass				X
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Parrot's-feather	X	X		X
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	Broad-leaf watermilfoil				X
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	Fringed water-lily		X		
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Whitetop weed				X
<i>Parthenocissus inserta</i>	False Virginia-creeper	X			

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<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia-creeper	X			
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	Crimson fountain-grass				X
<i>Persicaria perfoliata</i>	Asiatic tearthumb ⁵				X
<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	Water lettuce	X	X	X	
<i>Polygonum perfoliata</i> ⁵	Asiatic tearthumb		X		
<i>Polygonum wallichii</i> ⁶	Himalayan knotweed		X		
<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	Mesquite				X
<i>Pueraria lobata</i> ⁷	Kudzu vine				X
<i>Rhododendron luteum</i>	Yellow azalea	X			
<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>	Rhododendron	X			
<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i> x <i>R. maximum</i>	Rhododendron (hybrid)	X			
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	False acacia (Black locust)			X	
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Japanese rose	X			
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Salmonberry		X		
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Duck potato	X			
<i>Salvinia molesta</i> (<i>S. adnate</i>)	Giant salvinia	X	X	X	X
<i>Smyrnium perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate alexanders	X			
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	Water soldier		X		
<i>Trapa natans</i>	Water chestnut		X		
<i>Triadica sebifera</i> (<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>)	Chinese tallow				X
<i>Zostera japonica</i>	Dwarf eelgrass		X		

Notes: 1. WANE = “Wildlife and Natural Environment”. See also WANE (Scotland) Act 2011. EU IAS ‘Species of concern’ list updated 2019. All species **in bold** are subject to *Management Measures* in England & Wales under The Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order 2019.

2. All species of *Elodea*.

3. *Fallopia* is the name still present in UK Legislative schedules but *Reynoutria* is now generally accepted as the correct genus name for all these species*.

4. The synonym *Humulus japonicus* is sometimes used for Japanese hop.

5. *Polygonum perfoliata* is the species name in the WANE Act (NI) 2011 but *Persicaria perfoliata* is now generally accepted as the preferred binomial for Asiatic tearthumb (also known as Mile-a-minute weed or Devil’s tail)*.

6. *Polygonum wallichii* is the species name in the WANE Act (NI) 2011 but *Koenigia polystachya* is now generally accepted as the preferred binomial for Himalayan knotweed*.

7. *Pueraria lobata* is the species name in the IAS Regulations but *Pueraria montana* var. *lobata** is now the generally accepted binomial for Kudzu vine.

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