

Not Wanted

Pest Plants which are illegal to sell or plant in Miami-Dade County



Air Potato

Dioscorea bulbifera

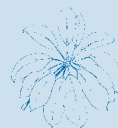
This vine from Eastern China smothers trees in a thick blanket of leaves. It was introduced as a food crop and now invades hardwood forests.



Earleaf Acacia

Acacia auriculiformis

This medium sized tree from Australia was introduced as a fast-growing landscape tree. It now grows wild in open areas and pinelands.



Queensland Umbrella

Schefflera actinophylla, Brassaia actinophylla

This medium sized Australian tree was introduced as a fast growing flowering landscape tree. It has been found to invade hardwood forests.



Australian Pine

Casuarina spp.

This tall wispy tree from Australia invades a wide variety of habitats. State and local governments are expending tremendous resource trying to control this very aggressive tree.



Gold Coast Jasmine

Jasminum dichotomum

This vine-like shrub from West Africa was introduced as an ornamental flowering vine. It can completely smother native vegetation.



Red Sandalwood

Adenanthera pavonina

This medium sized tree from Southeast Asia was used for landscaping and now invades hardwood hammocks.



Banyan Fig

Ficus benghalensis

This very large tree from Southeast Asia starts off growing on host trees like palms, but has been known to grow on stone walls and bridges too.



Governor's Plum

Flacourtia indica

This large shrub from Southern Asia was introduced as an edible fruit tree. The plant's spines and staining fruit have prevented it from becoming popular.



Seaside Mahoe

Thespesia populnea

This medium sized tree from the tropics was introduced as a salt tolerant landscape plant. It invades shoreline habitat and can disperse through ocean currents.



Bishopwood

Bischofia javanica

This large tree from Tropical Asia is now one of the most common pest trees found in natural areas.



Indian Rosewood

Dalbergia sissoo

This tall, fast growing tree from India was introduced as a landscape tree and has escaped cultivation in several Florida counties.



Shoebuttton Ardisia

Ardisia elliptica

Bushy shrub from India that was introduced as a colorful addition to urban landscapes, it now has invaded hardwood forests.



Brazilian Jasmine

Jasminum fluminense

This vine-like shrub is actually from East Africa and the Near East. It was introduced to Brazil by the Portuguese. It can completely smother native vegetation.



Lather Leaf

Colubrina asiatica

This wide ranging Old World shrub escaped cultivation in the Caribbean and the seeds floated ashore here. It is now found in coastal areas.



Tropical Soda Apple

Solanum viarum

This herb from Brazil was recently introduced to Florida and has rapidly expanded its range. It invades open spaces and is found along roadways.



Brazilian Pepper

Schinus terebinthifolius

This aggressive, bushy tree from Brazil is a serious threat to pine rockland habitat and has cost millions of dollars to control.



Laurel Fig

Ficus microcarpa, ficus nitida

This large tree from Australia is common as a potted indoor plant and has been planted as a landscape tree. This is the most common non-native fig found in natural areas.



Woman's Tongue

Albizia lebeck

This large fast-growing tree from Southeast Asia has distinctive seed pods that make a rattling noise in the wind.



Burma Reed

Neyraudia reynaudiana

This tall grass from Asia is a major problem in pineland habitat and grows in thick clumps. Once established, it is very difficult to eradicate and is very flammable



Lead Tree

Leucaena leucocephala

This small tree from the Caribbean was probably introduced for erosion control. It invades a variety of habitats.



Woodrose

Merremia tuberosa

This vine from tropical America was introduced as a flowering ornamental. The dried fruit or "wood roses" are popular in flower arrangements.



Carrotwood

Cupaniopsis anacardioides

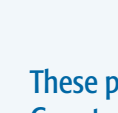
This medium sized tree from Australia is a newly introduced landscape tree (1968) and is already a considerable threat to natural areas.



Lofty Fig

Ficus altissima

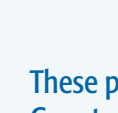
This immense tree from Southeast Asia starts off growing on host trees like palms, but has been known to grow on stone walls and bridges too.



Mahoe

Hibiscus tiliaceus

This shrubby tree is from Africa. It was introduced as a flowering, salt tolerant ornamental tree. It's buoyant seeds easily colonize new coastal areas



Catclaw Mimosa

Mimosa pigra

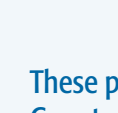
This shrub from Central America has been an aggressive colonizer in other parts of the world. It tends to grow in damp soil along canal banks and wetlands.



Melaleuca

Melaleuca quinquenervia

This tall, aggressive Australian tree has invaded freshwater wetlands and has cost millions of dollars to try to control.

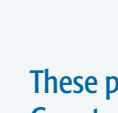


Napier Grass

Pennisetum purpureum

This fast growing African grass was originally introduced as cattle feed. It has now grown out of control, invading wetlands and canal banks.

• Proposed for listing as a prohibited plant.



Climing Fern

Lygodium spp.

There are two species of this vine from East Asia and Australia which form thick mats of vegetation smothering trees.

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Day Blooming Jessamine

Cestrum diurnum

This shrub from the Caribbean, known for its powerfully fragrant flowers has invaded open spaces pine rocklands and the margins of hardwood hammocks.



Puncture Vine

Tribulus cistoides

This herb from South and Central America was introduced as ground cover in coastal areas. It invades coastal dunes and can be found along the roadside.

These plants are illegal to sell in Miami-Dade County. Authority: Section 24-27.1, of Chapter 24, Miami-Dade County Code.

Anyone selling, propagating, planting, importing, or transporting these plants may be subject to a fine up to \$500.

For more information call
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