



PUBLIC GARDENS AS SENTINELS AGAINST INVASIVE PLANTS

Using botanic garden and arboreta expertise to help prevent problematic plants from becoming
invasive across North America

Assessed as Invasive Category

Taxa are given this rank based on the outcome of a literature review and/or a formal risk assessment process conducted by the garden. These taxa may or may not be currently found within the collection or have been grown in the garden's collection in the past. This category applies when gardens have engaged in formal literature-based invasive plant assessments. This category is used only when a garden has made a decision to classify taxa as invasive using information that is not observation-based. The goal of risk assessments is to use published information about a taxon's biology, its invasiveness under similar growing conditions, and harm associated with its spread to draw conclusions about its likelihood of becoming invasive.