



PUBLIC GARDENS AS SENTINELS AGAINST INVASIVE PLANTS

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

Potentially Invasive Category

Taxa categorized as Potentially Invasive have established populations that often occur at considerable distance from the contributing collections plants and/or are growing in uncultivated areas on or outside of the garden's property, or the established populations may be consistently managed or controlled to prevent spread within the garden. They may or may not be reported in the flora of the region of the garden. There may even be conflicting assessments of invasiveness from authorities and experts. In instances where a taxon is not present in the regional flora but is spreading onsite at a garden, the garden should rank the taxon as Potentially Invasive based on the degree of management required to prevent spread and the observed thresholds for population, distance from cultivated sources, or locations of population found in Table 1 of the Public Gardens as Sentinels against Invasive Plants Guidelines.