

Agenda: Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC)

Date: December 16, 2025

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Online only. Click [here](#) or on the link in the calendar appointment to join the online Teams meeting.

Meeting materials including the agenda, previous meeting minutes, a cultivar exemption request, results of voting on species to assess in 2026 and 2027, and 2025 risk assessments are in the Google Drive folder [Meeting Materials](#).

Topic: Introductions, 10:00 – 10:15

Membership update

- We gained a new member: Erin Loffler (BWSR) will replace Jason Beckler on this committee.

Topic: Approval of Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes, 10:15 – 10:20

Topic: MDA and Member Updates and Old Business, 10:20 – 10:45

Listing Subcommittee Updates - Laura

- Species to review in 2026 and 2027
- Voting on species recommendations

Management and Policy Subcommittee Updates - Emilie

- Example of an individual species management plan

Topic: New Business, 10:30 – 1:45 with a 30 minute lunch break

Presentation: History of the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee – Tony


Tree of Heaven Found in Eagan (Metro) – Emilie, Christina and Monika

EDDMapS infestation records are [13391467](#) and [13411540](#). There is a tree of heaven core sampling document in the [Meeting Materials](#) folder.

Length of List Discussion Points Summary – Monika

There is a document called Summary Points About the Noxious Weed List Length Discussion in the [Meeting Materials](#) folder.

Vote on Regulatory Recommendations

Please find risk assessment documents on the NWAC SharePoint, under “Documents”, there is a folder called “ [2025 Risk Assessments](#)”. They are also in a Google Drive folder [Risk assessments 2025](#).

Common name	Scientific name	Recommendation
Hardy kiwi	<i>Actinidia arguta</i>	Do not list
Palmer amaranth	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	Remain prohibited eradicate
Japanese barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	*Remain restricted with exemption for low fecundity cultivars only and add a three-year phase out for cultivars currently allowed
Narrowleaf bittercress	<i>Cardamine impatiens</i>	Deregulate
Brown knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	Remain prohibited eradicate
Black swallow-wort	<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i>	Remain prohibited eradicate
Winged burning bush	<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	*Remain restricted with exemptions for low fecundity cultivars only and add a three-year phase out for cultivars currently allowed
Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Move from prohibited control to restricted
Poison ivies	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> and <i>T. rydbergii</i>	Deregulate

* **Japanese barberry** is proposed to change from allowing certain cultivars to be sold, to prohibited ALL cultivars with the exception of:

- The following four WorryFree® cultivars:
 - ‘UCONNBTCP4N’ (PP30,095): Crimson Cutie® produced ≤ 1.5 seed/plant 3/16 years under evaluation
 - ‘UCONNBTB039’ (PP30,128): Mr. Green Genes® produced 1 seed per plant in years 2012 and 2013
 - ‘UCONNBTB048’ (PP30,127): Lemon Glow® produced no seeds between 2008-2021
 - ‘UCONNBTB113’ (PP30,094): Lemon Cutie® produced no seeds between 2008-2021
- The following Proven Winners® Sunjoy® cultivar:
 - ‘NCBT1’ (PP30,330): Mini Maroon®

Winged burning bush is proposed to allow the sale of only the following cultivars:

- ‘NCEA1’ (Fire Ball Seedless™)
- ‘ZeroSeed’ (ZeroSeed Blaze™)

Freedom honeysuckle seed germination conclusion

The request for an exemption based on seed production will not move forward because of a high seed germination rate.

Species to Assess in 2026 and 2027 – Laura and Monika

The following species will be evaluated with risk assessments in 2026 and 2027.

- Tree of heaven, *Ailanthus altissima* (update existing assessment with cold hardiness)
- Angelica tree, *Aralia elata*
- Common wormwood, *Artemisia absinthium*
- Creeping bellflower, *Campanula rapunculoides*
- Shiny cotoneaster, *Cotoneaster lucidus*
- Yellow-flowered teasel, *Dipsacus strigosus*
- Helleborine orchid, *Epipactis helleborine*
- Balfour's touch-me-not, *Impatiens balfourii*
- Yellow archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*, *Lamiastrum glaedolon*) risk assessment was started in 2024 and will be completed in 2026.
- Sericea lespedeza, *Lespedeza cuneata*
- Big leaf lupine, *Lupinus polyphyllus*
- Empress tress, *Paulownia tomentosa*
- Mile a minute weed, *Persicaria perfoliate*
- Tall buttercup, *Ranunculus acris*
- Bristly locust, *Robinia hispida*
- European highbush cranberry, *Viburnum opulus*
- Sargent viburnum, *Viburnum sargentii*

Cultivar Exemption to Assess in 2026 and 2027

- The cultivar *Rhamnus frangula* 'Ron Williams' Fine Line®. [Link to request](#)

Topic: Next Meeting Date and Goals, 1:45 – 2:00

Next meeting date

- 2026 meeting dates are not scheduled yet

Future meeting goals

- Assisted migration - Superior National Forest's plan was recommended by a committee member
- Presentation from a township about weed management
- Presentation about goats and buckthorn control research
- Lee Frelich on the Cover It Up buckthorn initiative
- MITPPC presentation on the online sales of invasive plants

- Invasive species management along right of ways – reach out to MI DOT
- Stiltgrass presentation
- Future update from Raining about use of steam/hot water for invasive plant control

Adjourn