

Agenda: Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC)

Date: March 5, 2026

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 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, and a low fecundity cultivar screening tool draft are in the Google Drive folder [Meeting Materials](#).

Topic: Introductions, 10:00 – 10:15

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

Topic: MDA and Member Updates and Old Business, timing?

Listing Subcommittee Updates – Laura (10:20 – 10:30, 10 minutes)

- Low fecundity cultivar assessment tool will be presented today
- Petition was received to evaluate for exemption a Japanese barberry cultivar called *Berberis* x 'NCBX1' Sunjoy® Todo®. The petition is in the [Meeting Materials](#) folder.
- Of the species chosen by NWAC for risk assessment in 2026 and 2027, the Listing Subcommittee is dividing them in this manner listed below. At the September full NWAC meeting, you will see presentations on the species for 2026.
 - 2026
 - yellow archangel, *Lamium galeobdolon*, *Lamium glaeobdolon*
 - Angelica tree, *Aralia elata*
 - Bristly locust, *Robinia hispida*
 - Creeping bellflower, *Campanula rapunculoides*
 - Empress tree, *Paulownia tomentosa*
 - Yellow-flowered teasel, *Dipsacus strigosus*
 - Exemption request: Glossy buckthorn 'Ron Williams' Fine Line *Rhamnus frangula* cultivar 'Ron Williams' Fine Line
 - 2026/2027
 - European highbush cranberry, *Viburnum opulus*
 - Sargent viburnum, *Viburnum sargentii*

- Tree of heaven, *Ailanthus altissima*
- 2027
 - Balfour's touch-me-not, *Impatiens balfourii*
 - Big leaf lupine, *Lupinus polyphyllus*
 - Common wormwood, *Artemisia absinthium*
 - Helleborine orchid, *Epipactis helleborine*
 - Mile a minute weed/vine, *Persicaria perfoliata*
 - Sericea lespedeza, *Lespedeza cuneata*
 - Shiny cotoneaster, *Cotoneaster lucidus*
 - Tall buttercup, *Ranunculus acris*
- Year not yet determined
 - exemption request for Japanese barberry cultivar *Berberis* x 'NCBX1' Sunjoy® Todo®

Management and Policy Subcommittee Updates – Emilie (10:30 – 10:50, 20 minutes)

- Statute changes and process
- Grant audit process and results
- Status of the County Agricultural Inspector grant
- Noxious weed dashboard in development
- Bylaws changes
- Commissioner's Office feedback about a statewide weed plan

Seed Program Advisory Committee Updates – Mike (10:50 – 11:00, 10 minutes)

Topic: New Business, 11:00 – 1:45 with a 30 minute lunch break

Presentation: Overview of Plant Breeding Techniques for Low Fecundity – Seth (11:00 – 11:15, 15 minutes)

Presentation: Spring Meadow Nursery's In Check® Plant Breeding Program – Davis Harmon (11:15 – 11:45, 30 minutes)

[Spring Meadow's In Check® Plant Program](#)

Lunch (11:45 – 12:15, 30 minutes)

Screening Tool Draft for Evaluating Low Fecundity Cultivars – Laura (12:15 – 12:35, 20 minutes)

There is a document called Cultivar Screening Tool5 in the [Meeting Materials](#) folder. This document was developed by a working group convened by the Midwest Invasive Plant Network.

Topic: Membership, Next Meeting Date and Goals, 12:35 – 1:00

Membership terms and open seats

- There will be terms ending on 06/30/2026 for the Minnesota Association of Townships, Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the University of Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center.
- There are open seats for the Association of Minnesota Counties, an Environmental Organization and Seed Industry/Minnesota Crop Improvement.

Next meeting date

- Next meeting will be on September 15, 2026. Risk assessments will be presented at this meeting. The meeting format will be hybrid.

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