

Agenda: Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC)

Date: September 15, 2026

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, risk assessments, an assessment recommendation summary and a low fecundity cultivar screening tool are in the Google Drive folder [Meeting Materials](#).

Topic: Introductions, 10:00 – 10:15

We have a new member named Kris Folland. Kris will represent Minnesota Crop Improvement.

Topic: Approval of Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes, 10:15 – 10:30

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

Listing Subcommittee Updates – Laura (10:20 – 10:25, 5 minutes)

- Risk assessments will be presented today
- Low fecundity cultivar assessment tool final version will be presented today

Management and Policy Subcommittee Updates – Emilie (10:25 – 10:30, 10 minutes)

- Statute changes and process
- Status of the County Agricultural Inspector grant
- Noxious weed dashboard in development
- Priority alignment between full committee and subcommittees will be discussed at our November meeting.

Seed Program Advisory Committee Updates – Mike (10:30 – 10:40, 10 minutes)

Topic: New Business, 10:40 – 1:45 with a 30 minute lunch break

Risk Assessments (10:40 – noon, 1 hour, 20 minutes)

The following risk assessments will be presented. Assessments are in a SharePoint folder [2026 Risk Assessments](#) and in the Google Drive folder [Meeting Materials](#). There is also a document called Recommendation Summary for NWAC at these locations.

- yellow archangel, *Lamium galeobdolon*, *Lamiastrum glaeobdolon*
- Angelica tree, *Aralia elata*
- Bristly locust, *Robinia hispida*
- Creeping bellflower, *Campanula rapunculoides*
- Empress tree, *Paulownia tomentosa*
- Yellow-flowered teasel, *Dipsacus strigosus*

Lunch (noon – 12:30, 30 minutes)

Risk Assessments Continued (12:30 – 1:15, 45 minutes)

Screening Tool Final Version for Evaluating Low Fecundity Cultivars – Laura (1:15 – 1:45, 30 minutes)

There is a document called MIPN Cultivar Screening Tool 1.0 in both the [2026 Risk Assessments](#) and [Meeting Materials](#) folders. This document was developed by a working group convened by the Midwest Invasive Plant Network.

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

Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference

- Show of hands for people planning to attend the [conference](#)

Membership terms and open seats

- There are open seats for the Association of Minnesota Counties and an Environmental Organization.

Next meeting date

- Next meeting will be on November 10, 2026.

Future meeting goals

- Bylaw updates
- Full committee priorities for subcommittees

- Invite a foraging task force member to present on foraging and noxious weeds
- 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 Leech Lake Dept of Resource Management about use of steam/hot water for invasive plant control

Adjourn