

Invasive Plants in Your Yard



What kinds do you have? How many can you find? Watch the video “Nature Education Series: Invasive Plants” on Oakland County Parks and Recreation’s YouTube channel or Facebook page for identification tips and other fun facts. Then, head out and make tally marks in the boxes below every time you find one. Learn more about what’s growing in your yard (or a local park)!

Burning Bush

Look for: shrub with paired, toothed leaves; red berries and leaves in fall, woody ridges on stem



Common Buckthorn

Look for: shrub/small tree with oval, pointy-tipped, dark green leaves; “thorns” at ends of twigs, green (black when mature) berries, speckled trunk



Honeysuckle

Look for: shrub with paired, smooth leaves; white to pink flowers (spring), pink/red/orange berries (fall), pinstriped bark texture, branches arch like umbrella



Japanese Barberry

Look for: bush with oval to spoon-shaped green to purplish leaves, red berries; thin, spiky thorns



Garlic Mustard

Look for: wavy-edged heart-shaped leaves, 4-petaled white flowers, thin upright seed pods, garlic fragrance