

INVASIVE PLANTS OF FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

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AMUR HONEYSUCKLE

- Takes over forests and fields, shading everything out.
- Insects can't eat it.
- Wipes out much of what insects can eat.



DESTROYING AMUR HONEYSUCKLE

- Foliar spray.
- Cut and spray with herbicide.
- Lance!



CALLERY PEAR

- Same problem as honeysuckle, except it stays in fields.
- Now illegal to sell!



DESTROYING PEAR

- Foliar spray.
- Cut stump.
- Basal bark.
- Lance!



ASIATIC BITTERSWEET

- Potentially the worst! A tree strangler!
- Lots of cutting involved!



DESTROYING BITTERSWEET

- Foliar spray with alternative chemicals.
- Cut stump.
- Cut it, see what dies, and then spray.



AILANTHUS: TREE OF HEAVEN

- Outgrows other young trees.
- Host plant for the spotted lanternfly.
- Looks like walnut.



DESTROYING AILANTHUS

- Cut stumping does not work!
- Hack and squirt.
- Lance!



CELENDINE

- Tough, herbaceous invader!
- Can only spray. Impossible to uproot!
- Get it before it blooms!



CONTROLLING THEM

- New tools!
- Lance.
- Herbicide dauber.
- Removing them maintains a healthy ecosystem.



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