

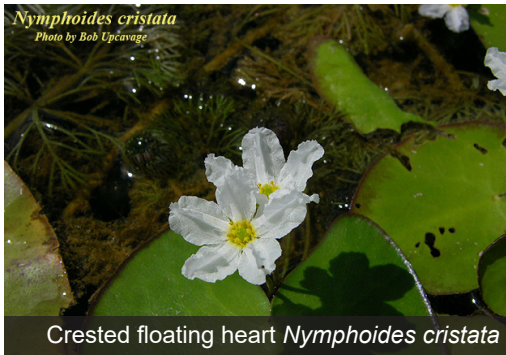
Non-regulatory information:

Many organizations provide information about exotic pest plants that impact natural areas and native plant communities. The plants that are listed by these groups are not necessarily regulated by the State of Florida. Plant species included in Florida Rules 5B-57 and 5B-64 are prohibited. Additional sources of information about invasive species are:

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC)
<http://www.fleppc.org>

UF/IFAS assessment of non-native plants
<http://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu>

UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants
<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/>



Resources on the web:

Photographs and maps of plant species
<http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/>

Noxious Weed Permit Information
<https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Plant-Pest-Permits/Noxious-Weed-Permit>

Florida Rule 5B-57.007
<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=5B-57.007>

Florida Rule 5B-64.011
<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?id=5B-64.011>

Federal Noxious Weed List
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious>

Glossary

Exotic – a species with a natural range outside Florida introduced to the state by people, weather, or any other means

Invasive exotic – an exotic species that survives and expands into natural areas. (Many exotic species are ornamentals that cause no problems in Florida.)

Native – a species found growing in Florida before Europeans arrived

Naturalized – a species that is not native to Florida but can survive without cultivation

Noxious weed – an exotic species that is listed in Florida state regulations as a pest of agriculture, an invader of natural areas, or a threat to protected plant species

Pest plant – a species that is either a noxious weed or invasive species

Prohibited aquatic plant – a species that is listed in Florida state regulations as a pest and that grows in, or closely associated with, an aquatic environment (floating, emersed, submersed, or ditchbank species)

How are plants added to the Florida state noxious weed list?

Application is made to the Florida Noxious Weed Review Committee by completing the Application for Inclusion to the Noxious Weed List, FDACS-08215.
<http://forms.fdacs.gov/08215.pdf>

FDACS/DPI Helpline
Phone: 1-888-397-1517
DPIHelpline@FDACS.gov
FDACS.gov

Florida's Pest Plants

Noxious Weeds and Prohibited Aquatic Plants



The state of Florida protects native and commercially grown plants by restricting exotic plant pests that:

- Pose serious agricultural threats in Florida.
- Have negative impacts on endangered, threatened or commercially exploited plant species.
- Are naturalized and disrupt native plant communities.
- Are included on the United States Department of Agriculture noxious weed list.



Florida Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services

Noxious Weed Permits

What happens after a species is listed as a Florida noxious weed?

It becomes unlawful to introduce, multiply, possess, move or release any listed species, unless a permit is granted. Nursery stock infested with noxious weed species can be quarantined and placed on hold (STOP SALE) until the nursery removes the weeds or destroys the plants.



Brazilian pepper, *Schinus terebinthifolia*
May look pretty, but it's invasive.

Who needs a permit?

Anyone who imports noxious weeds into Florida from any other state or country or who moves these weeds within the state for any purpose is required to apply for a permit. To request a permit, complete the **Application to Move Organisms Regulated by the State of Florida, FDACS-08208**.

<http://forms.fdacs.gov/08208.pdf>

A permit may be granted when the noxious weed or invasive plant:

- Will not escape into the environment.
- Will not pose a threat to agriculture, beneficial organisms or the environment.
- Will not become a public nuisance.

For prohibited aquatic species, permits may be granted only to government agencies, research institutions and wastewater treatment facilities. Nurseries may be allowed to propagate a restricted list of prohibited aquatic plant species (Class II) for export.

Terrestrial Weeds

Plants that grow on land and are regulated as weeds.

* <i>Abrus precatorius</i> ¹	* <i>Melastoma malabathricum</i>
<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>	<i>Mikania cordata</i>
* <i>Alternanthera sessilis</i>	* <i>Mikania micrantha</i> ²
* <i>Ardisia crenata</i> ¹	<i>Mimosa invisa</i>
* <i>Ardisia elliptica</i> ¹	* <i>Mimosa pigra</i> ¹
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	* <i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i> ¹
<i>Borreria alata</i>	* <i>Nymphoides cristata</i> ¹
<i>Carthamus oxyacantha</i>	* <i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
* <i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i> ¹	<i>Opuntia aurantiaca</i>
* <i>Casuarina glauca</i> ¹	<i>Oryza longistaminata</i>
* <i>Chrysopogon aciculatus</i>	<i>Oryza punctata</i>
* <i>Colubrina asiatica</i> ¹	<i>Oryza rufipogon</i>
* <i>Commelina benghalensis</i>	* <i>Paederia cruddasiana</i> ¹
<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	* <i>Paederia foetida</i> ¹
* <i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i> ¹	<i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i>
<i>Digitaria scalarum</i>	<i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i>
<i>Digitaria velutina</i>	<i>Pennisetum macrourum</i>
* <i>Dioscorea alata</i> ¹	<i>Pennisetum pedicellatum</i>
* <i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i> ¹	* <i>Pennisetum polystachyon</i>
<i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i>	<i>Prosopis</i> spp.
<i>Drymaria arenarioides</i>	* <i>Pueraria montana</i> ¹
<i>Emex australis</i>	* <i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i> ¹
<i>Emex spinosa</i>	* <i>Rottboellia cochinchinensis</i>
<i>Euphorbia prunifolia</i>	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	<i>Rubus molluccanus</i>
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	* <i>Saccharum spontaneum</i>
<i>Imperata brasiliensis</i>	<i>Salsola vermiculata</i>
* <i>Imperata cylindrica</i> ¹	* <i>Sapium sebiferum</i> ¹
* <i>Ipomoea triloba</i>	* <i>Scaevola taccada</i> ¹
<i>Ischaemum rugosum</i>	* <i>Schinus terebinthifolias</i> ¹
<i>Leptochloa chinensis</i>	<i>Setaria pallidifusca</i>
* <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> ²	* <i>Solanum tampicense</i> ¹
* <i>Ligustrum sinense</i> ¹	* <i>Solanum torvum</i> ²
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	* <i>Solanum viarum</i> ¹
<i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>	* <i>Tridax procumbens</i>
* <i>Lygodium japonicum</i> ¹	<i>Urochloa panicoides</i>
* <i>Lygodium microphyllum</i> ¹	<i>Vitex rotundifolia</i>
* <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> ¹	

Prohibited Aquatic Plants

Plants that grow in or near water and are prohibited from sale except in certain cases.

Class I

* <i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i> ²	<i>Nechamandra alternifolia</i>
* <i>Casuarina</i> spp. ^{1, 2}	* <i>Oryza rufipogon</i>
<i>Crassula helmsii</i>	<i>Pontederia rotundifolia</i>
* <i>Eichhornia</i> spp. ¹	* <i>Salvinia</i> spp.
* <i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> ¹	* <i>Schinus terebinthifolias</i> ¹
* <i>Ipomoea aquatica</i> ¹	* <i>Sparganium erectum</i>
* <i>Ipomoea fistulosa</i> ²	<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>
<i>Lagarosiphon</i> spp.	<i>Trapa</i> spp.
<i>Limnocharis flava</i>	<i>Vossia cuspidata</i>
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	
* <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> ¹	
* <i>Mimosa pigra</i> ¹	
<i>Monochoria hastata</i>	
<i>Monochoria vaginalis</i>	
* <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> ²	

Class II

* <i>Hygrophila polysperma</i> ¹
* <i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i> ²
* <i>Pistia stratiotes</i> ¹

* indicates species established in Florida
1 FLEPPC Category I invasive species
2 FLEPPC Category II invasive species



Cogon grass *Imperata cylindrica*
A fast-growing invader that can choke out native species and agricultural crops.

Other Authorities

Florida counties, cities and homeowner associations may also prohibit cultivation of some plants, defined by local ordinances or deed restrictions.