

## If You Haven't Heard About CIPWG...

CIPWG is the **Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group**. Their mission is to gather and convey information on the presence, distribution, ecological impacts, and management of invasive plant species and to promote the use of native plants as alternatives. The Group includes federal, state, and town agency staff, researchers, nursery growers, educators, master gardeners, community members, and interested citizens.

The CIPWG website <https://cipwg.uconn.edu> is a wealth of information on non-native plants that have been determined to be destructive to the environment, cause economic harm or harm to human health. The section entitled, *Meet the Plants* includes downloadable fact sheets for each plant with detailed information on identification, its negative impacts, and methods of control.

The website also includes the most current list of plants determined by the Invasive Plants Council (IPC) to be invasive in CT. Currently, there are 97 plants listed on the **CT Invasive Plant List**. While all plants listed are species that have been determined by floristic analysis to be invasive or potentially invasive, several, including Japanese Barberry, have not yet been banned for sale in CT.

CIPWG hosts a biennial invasive plant symposium. These events attract audiences of 300 to 400 people for a day of workshops, lectures, and discussions about invasive plants and their impacts on the environment. This year's virtual symposium, ***Strategies for Managing Invasive Plants – Assess, Remove, Replace, and Restore will be held on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>***. Speakers are always interesting and informative. If interested in attending, please consult the website for details on programs and registration.

Join CIPWG Membership listserv for information on upcoming events and workshops:

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