



Ymddiriedolaeth Natur
Gogledd Cymru
North Wales
Wildlife Trust



**Help prevent invasive species
from spreading into the wild!**

A seasonal calendar for gardeners

What are invasive species?

The native flora of Britain and Ireland is now out-numbered by non-native plants which have been introduced from all over the world. Most are not widespread or do not have a noticeable impact on nature and wildlife. Invasive non-native species differ, however, because they have the ability to spread, causing damage to the environment, the economy, our health, or the way we live.

Invasive species examples

Three cornered leek



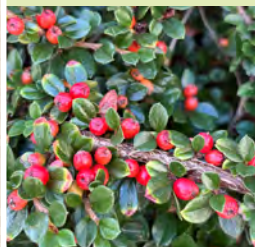
Butterfly bush



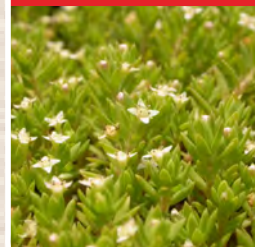
Red valerian



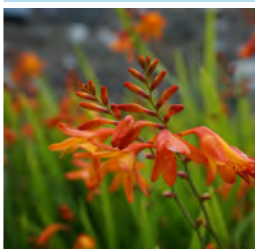
Wall cotoneaster



**Australian
swamp
stonecrop**



Montbretia



**Yellow skunk
cabbage**



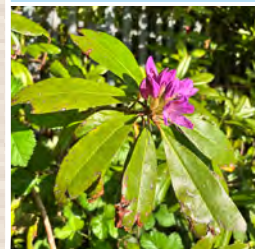
Cherry laurel



**Japanese
knotweed**

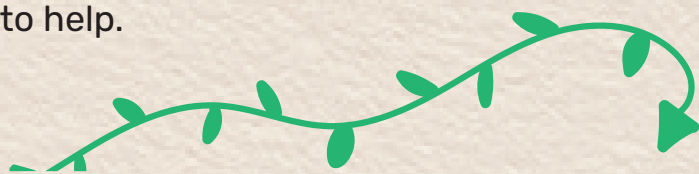


Rhododendron



What can gardeners do to help stop the spread?

To help protect and restore nature we need to prevent invasive species from escaping our gardens and taking hold in the wild. Unfold to check out our new seasonal calendar with handy tips on how to help.



Plant name:	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN	WINTER	Composting tips	Alternative plants
Three cornered leek (<i>Allium triquetrum</i>)	Dig out whole plant, taking care to remove bulbs and seedheads.	Dig out whole plant, taking care to remove bulbs and seedheads.	Dies down over Autumn and Winter.	Dies down over Autumn and Winter.	Do not compost bulbils or seeds at home. Use council garden waste facilities.	Ramsons (<i>Allium ursinum</i>)
Butterfly bush (<i>Buddleja davidii</i>)	Remove seedlings by hand pulling or digging. Dig out to remove completely or cut down to restrict growth.	Remove seedlings by hand pulling or digging. Deadhead after flowering before seeds develop.	Deadhead after flowering before seeds develop.	Dig out to remove completely or cut down to restrict growth.	Do not compost seed heads at home. Use council garden waste facilities.	Elder 'Gerda' (<i>Sambucus nigra</i> f. <i>porphyrophylla</i> 'Gerda'), Californian lilac (<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i>)
Red valerian (<i>Centranthus ruber</i>)	Remove seedlings by hand pulling or digging.	Deadhead after flowering before seeds develop.	Deadhead after flowering before seeds develop.	Dig out to remove completely or cut down to restrict growth.	Compost at home.	Yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>), Butterfly stonecrop (<i>Hylotelephium spectabile</i>), Hyssop (<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i>)
Wall cotoneaster (<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>)	Remove seedlings by hand pulling or digging. Dig out to remove completely.	Remove seedlings by hand pulling or digging. Dig out to remove completely.	Dig out to remove completely.	Dig out to remove completely	Do not compost berries at home. Use council garden waste facilities.	Creeping willow (<i>Salix repens</i> var. <i>argentea</i>), Rakai hebe (<i>Hebe rakaiensis</i>)
Australian swamp stonecrop (<i>Crassula helmsii</i>)	BANNED IN SOME UK COUNTRIES – CONTROL & CHECK					Marsh-marigold (<i>Caltha palustris</i>), Common water-starwort (<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i>)
Montbretia (<i>Cracosmia</i> x <i>cracosmiiflora</i>)	Remove seedlings and mature plants by digging out ensuring corns are removed.	Remove seedlings and mature plants by digging out ensuring corns are removed.	Remove seedlings and mature plants by digging out. Dies down over Autumn and Winter.	Remove seedlings and mature plants by digging out. Dies down over Autumn and Winter.	Do not compost corns at home. Use council garden waste facilities	Iris 'Black swan', Rooper's Red hot poker (<i>Kniphofia rooperi</i>)
Yellow skunk cabbage (<i>Lysichiton americanus</i>)	BANNED IN SOME UK COUNTRIES – CONTROL & CHECK					Astilbe 'Fanal' (<i>Astilbe</i> x <i>arendsii</i>), Plantain lily 'Sum and substance' (<i>Hosta</i> 'Sum and substance')
Cherry laurel (<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>)	Remove seedlings and suckers by hand pulling or digging / cutting.	Deadhead after flowering before berries develop.	Dig out to remove or cut down to restrict growth.	Dig out to remove or cut down to restrict growth.	Use council garden waste facilities.	Yew (<i>Taxus baccata</i>), Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>), Wild privet (<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>), Holly (<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>)
Japanese knotweed (<i>Reynoutria japonica</i>)	RESTRICTED IN THE UK – MUST BE CONTROLLED					Cretan hemp (<i>Datisca cannabina</i>), Angelica tree (<i>Aralia cachemirica</i>)
Rhododendron (<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>)	Remove seedlings and suckers by hand pulling or digging / cutting.	Deadhead after flowering to stop seed spreading.	Dig out to remove or cut down to restrict growth.	Dig out to remove or cut down to restrict growth.	Must use specialist waste facilities to remove it.	Glossy abelia (<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>), Burkwood Viburnum (<i>Viburnum x burkwoodii</i>)

BE AWARE!

This plant is banned from sale in at least one country within the UK. In the countries where a ban applies, gardeners who already have the plant must keep it under control and must not allow it to spread into the wild. Specialist treatment may be required to remove it.

Cronfa Treftdaeth
Heritage Fund

Mewn Partneriaeth â
Llywodraeth Cymru
In Partnership with
Welsh Government



Scan the code to explore videos, plant profiles and more in the Gardeners' Toolkit