



CIPC WATCH LIST

Invasive plant species not yet found, or with few known occurrences in the CIPC region



Aquatic & Riparian Species



Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*)

Habitat: Riparian areas
Impacts: Chokes stream channels; displaces native plants; increases fire hazard and reduces wildlife habitat
Noxious/Invasive: Texas
Known from: Not yet found in CIPC area



Marsh Plume Thistle (*Cirsium palustre*)

Habitat: Riparian areas and moist open fields, pastures & meadows
Impact: Displaces native plants, reduces forage, can cause snow-press to tree seedlings
Noxious / Invasive: Eastern Canada and 2 USA States
Known from: Saltspring Island; Capital Regional District



Dense Cordgrass (*Spartina densiflora*)

Habitat: Estuaries, marine shorelines; saltmarshes, dunes & mudflats
Impacts: Loss of mudflat ecosystem; displaces native plants; loss of salmon nursery habitat; increases sedimentation
Noxious / Invasive: Washington; Oregon; California
Known from: Comox Valley Regional District



Wild Chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*)

Habitat: Riparian areas and open fields, pastures, meadows & roadsides
Impact: Highly invasive and will displace native plants
Noxious / Invasive: Washington State
Known from: Saltspring Island; Capital Regional District; Comox Valley Regional District



Himalayan Balsam / Policeman's Helmet (*Impatiens glandulifera*)

Habitat: Riparian areas, moist forests and meadows & roadside hedgerows
Impacts: Extremely invasive in moist, natural areas
Noxious/Invasive: Oregon and Washington
Known from: Port Alberni / Clayquot Regional District; Comox Valley Regional District; Capital Regional District



Parrot's Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)

Habitat: Slow moving water by can also survive as terrestrial plant
Impacts: Thick tangled vegetation blocks light and reduces dissolved oxygen affecting fish & invertebrates; out competes native plants.
Noxious / Invasive: 5 USA States, including Washington
Known from: Not yet found in CIPC area



Hairy Willow Herb (*Epilobium hirsutum*)

Habitat: Wetlands, riparian areas, wet fields, pastures & meadows and roadside ditches
Impacts: Forms dense stands that exclude native wetland plants
Noxious / Invasive: 2 USA States, including Washington
Known from: Capital Regional District



Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*)

Habitat: Riparian areas: freshwater & brackish tidal wetlands
Impacts: Alters structure & function of marsh ecosystems
Noxious / Invasive: Most of Canada; 7 USA States, including Washington State
Known from: Galiano Island; Capital Regional District



Old Man's Beard (*Clematis vitalba*)

Habitat: Riparian areas and forest edge and understory, grasslands and roadsides
Impacts: Climbs trees forming a dense, light-absorbing canopy
Noxious / Invasive: Washington and Oregon
Known from: Saltspring Island; Capital Regional District; Nanaimo Regional District



Sycamore Maple (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)

Habitat: Riparian Areas and forest edge, vacant lots
Impacts: Will form dense stands that crowd out native plants
Noxious / Invasive: 2 USA States
Known from: Mount Waddington Regional District



Garden Loosestrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*)

Habitat: Riparian areas and open fields, pastures, meadows & roadsides
Impacts: Invades wetlands & appears more competitive than Purple loosestrife
Noxious / Invasive: Washington State
Known from: Capital Regional District