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Growth Form	Common Name		Scientific Name 2024	Distribution 2024
Category I	Invasive-exotic plants that are known to cause significant threat to native plant communities by displacing native species and impacting plant communities negatively through changes to composition, structure or ecological function, or hybridizing with natives. This list also includes those species considered difficult to manage by professionals.			
Aquatic	Alligator-weed	I	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	CZ, CP, S
Aquatic	Brazilian Waterweed	I	<i>Egeria densa</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Aquatic	Hydrilla	I	<i>Hydrilla verticillata ssp. verticillata</i>	ALL
Aquatic	Wandering Hydrilla	I	<i>Hydrilla verticillata ssp. peregrina</i>	P, M
Aquatic	Dotted Duckmeat	I	<i>Landoltia punctata</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Aquatic	Showy Water-primrose	I	<i>Ludwigia grandiflora</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Aquatic	Water primrose	I	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>	ALL
Aquatic	Floating Primrose-willow	I	<i>Ludwigia peploides var. glabrescens</i>	ALL
Aquatic	Parrot-feather	I	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	ALL
Aquatic	Eurasian watermilfoil	I	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	S, P
Aquatic	Crested floating heart	I	<i>Nymphoides cristata</i>	CP, P
Aquatic	Water hyacinth	I	<i>Oshuna crassipes</i>	CZ, CP, S
Aquatic	Water Lettuce	I	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	CZ, CP
Aquatic	Curly-leaf pondweed	I	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	CP, P
Aquatic	Water Spangles, Floating Fern	I	<i>Salvinia minima</i>	CZ, CP
Aquatic	Giant salvinia	I	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	CP
Ferns	Japanese false spleenwort/Japanese lady fern	I	<i>Deparia petersenii</i>	ALL
Ferns	Autumn fern, Japanese red shield-fern, Japanese shield-fern	I	<i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i>	ALL
Ferns	Swordfern/ Mariana Maiden Fern/Torres's Fern	I	<i>Macrothelypteris torresiana</i>	ALL
Grass, sedge	Basket Grass, Small Carpetgrass, Joint-headed Grass	I	<i>Arthraxon hispidus var. hispidus</i>	ALL
Grass, sedge	Giant reed	I	<i>Arundo donax</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Grass, sedge	Cuban bulrush	I	<i>Cyperus blepharoleptos</i>	CZ, CP
Grass, sedge	Pond Lovegrass	I	<i>Eragrostis japonica</i>	CP, S
Grass, sedge	Cogongrass	I	<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>	ALL
Grass, sedge	Nepalese browntop, Japanese stilt grass	I	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	ALL
Grass, sedge	Chinese silvergrass	I	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	ALL
Grass, sedge	Torpedo grass, Creeping panic, Couch panicum	I	<i>Panicum repens</i>	CZ, CP, S
Grass, sedge	Bahia grass	I	<i>Paspalum notatum</i>	ALL
Grass, sedge	Common reed, Phragmites	I	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	CZ, CP, S

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Grass, sedge	Johnson grass	I	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	ALL
Herb	Coco yam, Taro	I	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Herb	Fig buttercup, Lesser clenandine	I	<i>Ficaria verna</i>	P
Herb	Sericea, Chinese bush clover	I	<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	ALL
Herb	Wart removing herb, Marsh dewflower, Aneilema, Asian spiderwort	I	<i>Murdannia keisak</i>	ALL
Herb	Perilla, Beefsteak plant	I	<i>Perilla frutescens</i>	ALL
Shrub	Trifoliolate Orange, Hardy Orange	I	<i>Citrus trifoliata</i>	ALL
Shrub	Thorny-olive	I	<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	ALL
Shrub	Autumn-olive	I	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	ALL
Shrub	Winged Euonymus, (Winged) Burning Bush	I	<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	P, M
Shrub	Two Color Bush Clover, Shrub Lespedeza	I	<i>Lespedeza bicolor</i>	ALL
Shrub	Glossy, Tall Glossy Privet	I	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	ALL
Shrub	Chinese Privet	I	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	ALL
Shrub	Leatherleaf Mahonia	I	<i>Mahonia bealei</i>	ALL
Shrub	Nandina, Sacred Bamboo	I	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	ALL
Shrub	Taiwanese Photinia	I	<i>Photinia serratifolia</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Shrub	Japanese Knotweed, Fleeceflower, Mexican Bamboo	I	<i>Reynoutria japonica</i>	ALL
Shrub	Cherokee Rose	I	<i>Rosa laevigata</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Shrub	Multiflora Rose	I	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	ALL
Shrub	Rattlebox, Scarlet wisteria tree, Spanish Gold, Purple or Red sesbania	I	<i>Sesbania punicea</i>	ALL
Shrub	Beach Vitex, Chasteberry, Roundleaf Chastetree	I	<i>Vitex rotundifolia</i>	CZ
Tree	Tree of heaven	I	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	ALL
Tree	Mimosa, Silk tree	I	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	ALL
Tree	Paper Mulberry	I	<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Tree	Chinese Parasol Tree	I	<i>Firmiana simplex</i>	ALL
Tree	Chinese Holly, Burford Holly	I	<i>Ilex cornuta</i>	ALL
Tree	Chinaberry	I	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	ALL
Tree	Princess Tree/Royal Paulownia	I	<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	ALL
Tree	White Poplar	I	<i>Populus alba</i>	ALL
Tree	Callery Pear (Bradford Pear)	I	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	ALL
Tree	Canary Island Tamarisk	I	<i>Tamarix canariensis</i>	CZ
Tree	Chinese Tamarisk	I	<i>Tamarix chinensis</i>	CZ

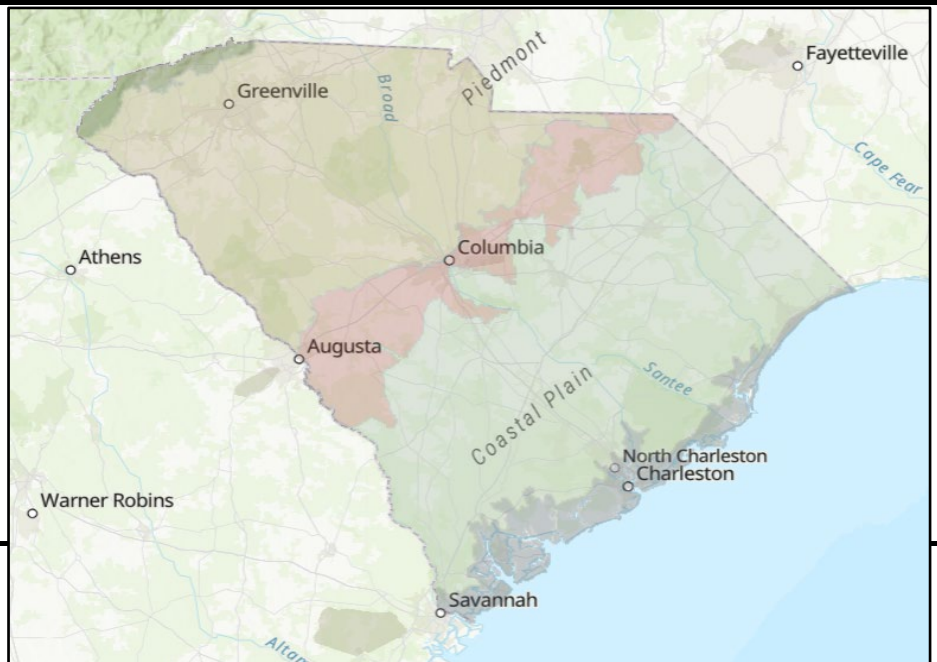
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Tree	French Tamarisk	I	<i>Tamarix gallica</i>	CZ
Tree	Smallflower Tamarisk	I	<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>	CZ
Tree	Chinese Tallow Tree	I	<i>Triadica sebifera</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Tree	Tung oil tree	I	<i>Vernicia fordii</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Vine	Hybrid Asian Wisteria	I	<i>Wisteria ×formosa</i>	ALL
Vine	Asian/Oriental Bittersweet	I	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	ALL
Vine	Sweet Autumn Virgin's Bower, Yam-leaved clematis	I	<i>Clematis terniflora</i>	ALL
Vine	Chinese yam	I	<i>Dioscorea polystachya</i>	ALL
Vine	English Ivy	I	<i>Hedera helix var. helix</i>	ALL
Vine	Japanese Hop	I	<i>Humulus scandens</i>	P
Vine	Japanese Honeysuckle	I	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	ALL
Vine	Japanese Climbing Fern	I	<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	ALL
Vine	Kudzu	I	<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>	ALL
Vine	Asian/Japanese Wisteria	I	<i>Wisteria floribunda</i>	ALL
Vine	Chinese Wisteria	I	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	ALL
Category II	Invasive exotics that have increased in abundance or frequency but have not yet altered South Carolina plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species. These species may become Category I if ecological damage is demonstrated.			
Aquatic	Yellow Floating Heart	II	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Fern	Simpler East Indian Holly Fern	II	<i>Arachniodes simplicior</i>	S, P
Fern	Downy Maiden Fern, Soft Fern	II	<i>Christella dentata</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Fern	Asian Net-veined Holly Fern	II	<i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Grass, sedge	False beardgrass	II	<i>Chrysopogon pauciflorus</i>	CP
Grass, sedge	Uruguayan pampas grass, pampas Grass, Silver pampas Grass	II	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	CZ
Grass, sedge	Weeping love grass	II	<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	CZ, CP, P
Grass, sedge	Blackseed or Japanese Panic Grass	II	<i>Panicum bisulcatum</i>	CZ, CP, S
Grass, sedge	Golden bamboo, Fishpole bamboo	II	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	ALL
Grass, sedge	Mediterranean Beardgrass	II	<i>Polypogon maritimus var. maritimus</i>	CZ
Grass, sedge	Annual Rabbitfoot Grass	II	<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	CZ
Herb	Slender wild basil	II	<i>Clinopodium gracile</i>	ALL
Herb	Tropical spiderwort, Bengal dayflower	II	<i>Commelina benghalensis</i>	CZ, CP, S
Herb	Showy rattlebox	II	<i>Crotalaria spectabilis</i>	ALL
Herb	Chameleon Plant, Rainbow Plant	II	<i>Houttuynia cordata</i>	CP, S

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Herb	Liriope, Monkey grass, Big blue lilyturf	II	<i>Liriope muscari</i>	ALL
Herb	Creeping Lilyturf	II	<i>Liriope spicata</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Herb	Creeping Charlie, Creeping Jenny, Moneywort	II	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	ALL
Herb	Purple loosestrife, Rainbow weed, Spiked loosestrife	II	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	CP, P
Herb	Mosla, Miniature Beefsteakplant	II	<i>Mosla dianthera</i>	CP, P, M
Herb	Dwarf Lilyturf	II	<i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>	S
Herb	Stringy Stonecrop	II	<i>Sedum sarmentosum</i>	P, M
Herb	Rattlebox, Poison-bean	II	<i>Sesbania drummondii</i>	CZ
Herb	Asiatic Hawksbeard	II	<i>Youngia japonica</i>	ALL
Shrub	Coral Ardisia, Coralberry, Spiceberry, Hen's Eyes, Marlberry	II	<i>Ardisia crenata</i>	CZ, CP
Shrub	Evergreen Barberry	II	<i>Berberis julianae</i>	P
Shrub	Summer-lilac, Orange-eye Butterfly-bush	II	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	ALL
Shrub	Harlequin Glory-bower	II	<i>Clerodendrum trichotomum var. ferrugineum</i>	S
Shrub	Japanese Holly	II	<i>Ilex crenata</i>	ALL
Shrub	Japanese Privet, Waxy-leaf Privet	II	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	ALL
Shrub	European Privet	II	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	P
Shrub	Sweet Breath of Spring, January Jasmine	II	<i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i>	ALL
Shrub	Amur Honeysuckle	II	<i>Lonicera maackii</i>	P
Shrub	Macartney Rose	II	<i>Rosa bracteata</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Shrub	Wineberry, Wine Raspberry	II	<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i>	P, M
Shrub	Jerusalem Cherry	II	<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>	CP, S, P
Shrub	Meadowsweet	II	<i>Spiraea japonica</i>	P, M
Shrub	Cleome, Spiderflower, Pinkqueen	II	<i>Tarenaya hassleriana</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Tree	Camphortree	II	<i>Camphora officinarum</i>	CZ, CP, P
Tree	Loquat	II	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Tree	Honey Locust (native to the U.S. but not native to S.C.)	II	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	ALL
Tree	Golden Raintree	II	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Tree	White Mulberry	II	<i>Morus alba</i>	ALL
Tree	Sawtooth Oak	II	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	CP, S
Tree	Japanese evergreen oak	II	<i>Quercus glauca</i>	CP
Tree	Cleyera, False Japanese Cleyera, Japanese Ternstroemia	II	<i>Ternstroemia gymnanthera</i>	CP
Tree	Chinese Elm	II	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	CZ, CP, S, P

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Tree	Siberian Elm, Dwarf Elm	II	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	CZ, CP, S, P
Vine	Green kiwi-fruit, Chinese gooseberry	II	<i>Actinidia chinensis var. deliciosa</i>	M
Vine	Fiveleaf akebia, Chocolate Vine	II	<i>Akebia quinata</i>	P, M
Vine	Porcelain berry	II	<i>Ampelopsis glandulosa</i>	P, M
Vine	Climbing Euonymus, Winter Creeper	II	<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	ALL
Vine	Bigleaf Periwinkle	II	<i>Vinca major</i>	ALL
Vine	Common Periwinkle	II	<i>Vinca minor</i>	ALL

SC-IPC Definitions of Terms	
Exotic	a species introduced into South Carolina, either by intentional or unintentional means, that belongs to a natural range outside of South Carolina.
Native	a species whose natural range includes South Carolina
Naturalized	an exotic plant species that is able to establish and sustain itself outside of cultivation
Invasive Exotic	an exotic plant species that has naturalized in an area and is expanding on its own in South Carolina native plant communities
Region	refers to the general area in South Carolina each species is distributed or has been recorded as established. Does not indicate range within the state of SC

Regions (SC Ecoregions/SC Wildlife Action Plan)	
CZ=	Coastal Zone
CP=	Coastal Plain
S=	Sandhills
P=	Piedmont
M=	Mountains/Blue Ridge
ALL=	occurs in all SC regions



Resources	
SC Native Plant Society: Issues and alternatives -	https://scnps.org/invasive-plant-species/
SCDNR: management -	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/invasiveweeds/program.html
SCDNR: SC illegal aquatic plants -	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/invasiveweeds/illegal1.html
SC Department of Plant Industry: illegal plants -	https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/plant-pest-regulations/state-plant-pest-information/pests_list.html
USDA Federal Noxious Weed list:	https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/StateNoxiousWeedsSeedList.pdf