

**WANTED** for Threatening our **BIODIVERSITY**  
**NON-NATIVE INVASIVE**  
**ESCAPEES**



1. Rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*) 2. Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) 3. Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) 4. Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) 5. Parrot's Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*) 6. Skunk-cabbage (*Lysichiton americanus*)

***‘What’s for the Garden  
stays in the Garden’***

Please **Recycle** or **Dispose** of your garden waste responsibly.



***Further information over leaf...***

## Guidance for Gardeners.

Our gardens have been greatly enriched by the introduction of plants from abroad, but a small number have proved highly invasive in the wider environment threatening natural habitats and native species. By their nature, they are usually a problem in the garden as well. The control of these species is difficult and costly, yet many are still widely available with little indication of the damage they can do if they are allowed to escape into the wild or disposed of carelessly. The threat to our biodiversity - native species and habitats from these plants is serious.

### Know what you are buying and growing

1. Avoid using plants known to be invasive - there are usually many alternative plants better suited to gardens.,
2. Plant labelling is getting better but the height and spread given may not be that at maturity. Do some research on plants that are unfamiliar to you. Be wary of labels and descriptions that use terms such as 'vigorous', 'spreading',
3. 'fast growing', 'self-seeds', 'good ground cover', etc. ,
4. Consider a non-natives plant's invasive qualities when you exchange plants with friends. Much of the spread of Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) is down to gardeners donating seeds to friends,
5. Beware of introducing an invasive species inadvertently as a 'hitch-hiker' - many invasive pondweeds, in particular, are introduced to gardens in this way. It is always a good idea to quarantine newly purchased pond plants to see what else might come with it,
6. Many invasive plants are introduced to gardens in topsoil. Always try to see the topsoil before you buy it.

**Latest News:** Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011: Code of Practice to follow later in 2012.

### 14 Non-native species etc.

- (1) The **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981** is amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 9, Section 14 (introduction of new species etc.)—
  - (a) for subsections (1) to (2) substitute—
 

“(1) Subject to the provisions of this Part, any person who—

    - (a) releases, or allows to escape from captivity, any animal—
      - (i) to a place outwith its native range; or
      - (ii) of a type the Scottish Ministers, by order, specify; or
    - (b) otherwise causes any animal outwith the control of any person to be at a place outwith its native range,

is guilty of an offence.

**Subject to the provisions of this Part, any person who plants, or otherwise causes to grow, any plant in the wild at a place outwith its native range is guilty of an offence**

How you can help:	Policy and Legislation for Invasive Non-Native Species:
<a href="http://www.grab.org.uk/">http://www.grab.org.uk/</a> for composting advice and queries. <a href="http://www.compost.org.uk">www.compost.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/6/part/2/crossheading/nonnative-species-etc">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/6/part/2/crossheading/nonnative-species-etc</a> The new Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland ) Act 2011.
<a href="http://www.keeptoscotlandbeautiful.org">www.keeptoscotlandbeautiful.org</a> The majority of our campaigning work is around the issue of litter.	<a href="http://www.nonnativespecies.org/">http://www.nonnativespecies.org/</a> GB Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNSS) produced the Non-Native Invasive Species Strategy. Scotland plays an important role in supporting this through the Scottish Working Group.
<a href="http://www.dumbdumpers.org/">www.dumbdumpers.org/</a> We are lucky in Argyll and Bute to live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Dumped waste has a negative impact. Note Green waste carries the same penalties!	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/Wildlife-Habitats/InvasiveSpecies">http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/Wildlife-Habitats/InvasiveSpecies</a> Scottish Government – information on invasive species and the Scottish Working Group
<a href="http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/invasive-and-harmful-plants">http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/invasive-and-harmful-plants</a> Information on the control of Non-Native and Harmful Invasive Plants.	<a href="http://www.introduced-species.co.uk">www.introduced-species.co.uk</a> A summary of introduced and invasive species that entered the UK since 1700
<a href="http://www.plantlife.org.uk/plantlife-campaigning-change-invasive-plants.html">www.plantlife.org.uk/plantlife-campaigning-change-invasive-plants.html</a> Plantlife provide a variety of information on invasive species- aquatic plants, risk assessments and site management techniques to mention a few.	<a href="http://www.jncc.gov.uk/page-4246">www.jncc.gov.uk/page-4246</a> JNCC provides information on the impact of non-native invasive species