

What Is EDDMapS and How to Enter a Report Online - EDDMapS is real time tracking of invasive species occurrences; local and national distribution maps; early detection reporting tools; and a library of identification, training resources and management information. EDDMapS accounts and using the data is free to everyone.

1. Sign into EDDMapS and click on Report Sightings, then select State/Area where to invasive is located.
2. The reporting form on EDDMapS.org. The form is based on the North American Invasive Species Management Association's mapping standards. There are four sections to the form. Each section focuses on a different part of the data. (1) Pest species ; (2) Location of the infestation; (3) Images of the pest to help verify ID; and (4) Add Additional Notes.
3. First enter information on the invasive species. Begin typing the name of the pest, using the scientific or common name. When the drop down box appears, click on the correct species. In Description, check any box that applies at the time you collected the data.
4. Choose Treated for a previously treated site. The Date default is the day you enter the data, but use the actual date the information was collected. Hover your mouse over a '?' for a popup box with information on that field. Report Negative data showing which pest species were **NOT** found in the surveyed area. Reporting Negative data will be addressed in a separate training power point and fact sheet.



5. Click for a drop down menu of choices for Abundance, Canopy Closure, or Habitat.

Select One

- Abandoned lot/Old home site
- Ag. Field
- Aquatic: Brackish
- Aquatic: Freshwater
- Aquatic: Saltwater
- Beach
- Coastal
- Developed/Disturbed area
- Dune
- Edge: Field/forest
- Edge: Lake
- Edge: Roadside
- Edge: Trail
- Edge: Upland/wetland
- Fence/row
- Floodplain
- Forested Understory
- Forests: Conifer
- Forests: Hardwood
- Select One

Select One

- Trace (Less than 1%)
- Low (1.0 - 5.0%)
- Moderate (5.1 - 25%)
- High (25.1 - 100%)

Select One

- Select One
- Select One
- Single Plant
- Scattered Plants
- Dense Monoculture
- Scattered Dense Patches

6. Enter the GPS coordinates or zoom in to the site with the Google map.
7. Three choices for mapping the infested site. (1) A point for a single specimen of the pest. Click on the pin and drop it on the map to mark the location of the invasive species. (2) A linear infestation. Click on the line icon to drop points along a roadway, fence line, river or shoreline. (3) A polygon - Click on the polygon icon to drop points and create a site with three or more sides, for example an old field. Every click of the mouse drops a point on the map. For the linear and polygon shaped sites, double click the mouse to end the drawing, and you can create multiple linear and polygon sites on the same map. Click Clear Map to delete the drawing and start again.

Location

State: Texas County: Tarrant County

Latitude (°): 32.82688888 Longitude (°): -97.40233333

Map tools: Pin, Line, Polygon, Clear Map

Linear

Polygon

8. In Location/Description add information to help in relocating the site later.
9. Five images can be uploaded with a report. Use Caption to identify the main feature in the image, such as flower, vine, leaf, or fruit. If someone other than the reporter took the picture, then add their name in the field, Photo by. Be sure to submit good in focus images for verification purposes.

Images

Image 1: [Image] Caption: [Text] Photo by: [Text]

Image 2: [Image] Caption: [Text] Photo by: [Text]

Image 3: [Image] Caption: [Text] Photo by: [Text]

Image 4: [Image] Caption: [Text] Photo by: [Text]

Image 5: [Image] Caption: [Text] Photo by: [Text]

10. In the Comment, field add information that may be useful later. If someone else helps you ID the invasive, include their name in Identified by. Add location of herbarium specimen if applicable and Click Yes in Voucher Specimen Made.

Additional Information

Comments: Infestation is well established at this site.

Identified by: Mary Jones

Voucher Specimen Made (Y): Yes No

Location of Specimen: UGA Herbarium

Submit Report

11. Remember to click Submit Report to save your work.