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LIST OF THE EPPC'S MOST INVASIVE EXOTIC PEST PLANTS IN FLORIDA -
There are at least 925 exotic plant species that have become established in the State of Florida. Approximately one half of these exotic plant species are believed to have been introduced for agricultural purposes. The EPPC has identified exotic plant species from 22 different genera as the most threatening of the established foreign plant species in Florida. They are as follows:

<u>Acacia auriculiformis</u> (earleaf acacia)	<u>Leucaena leucocephala</u> (jumbi bean)
<u>Albizia lebbeck</u> (woman's tongue)	<u>Lonicera japonica</u> (Japanese honeysuckle)
<u>Ardisia humilis</u> (shoebutton ardisia)	<u>Lygodium japonicum</u> (climbing fern)
<u>Bischofia javanica</u> (bishop wood)	<u>Melaleuca quinquenervia</u> (melaleuca)
<u>Brassaia actinophylla</u> (schefflera)	<u>Mimosa pigra</u> (catclaw mimosa)
<u>Casuarina</u> spp. (Australian pine)	<u>Psidium</u> spp. (strawberry guava)
<u>Colubrina asiatica</u> (lather leaf)	<u>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</u> (downy rose myrtle)
<u>Dioscorea bulbifera</u> (air potato)	<u>Schinus terebinthifolius</u> (Brazilian pepper)
<u>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</u> (murray red gum)	<u>Syzygium cumini</u> (Java plum)
<u>Ficus</u> spp. (Cuban laural)	<u>Syzygium jambos</u> (rose apple)
<u>Hibiscus tiliaceus</u> (mahoe)	<u>Thespesia populnea</u> (cork tree)
<u>Jasminum dichotomum</u> (jasmine)	

NEW POSSIBLE INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANT SPECIES - Chinese tallow tree, or popcorn tree (Sapium sebiferum), has been characterized by some as the north Florida melaleuca. This exotic plant species prefers poorly drained soils, and can be commonly found growing along

these goals by providing information to interested individuals on the protection, management, and restoration of native plant ecosystems by the means of periodic and occasional publications, conferences, symposia, workshops, and a statewide membership organized by local chapters. We advocate that **exotic plants that invade and spread** without human assistance through native plant communities **should be controlled and eradicated**. Their spread to unaffected areas should be severely restricted by regulatory means. While we prefer that native plants be used for landscaping, we do not object to the use of non-aggressive exotics that don't spread from planting sites and impact natural areas - Mr. Steve Farnsworth, President, 1991.

COMMITTEE ON NOXIOUS PLANTS FORMED - Dr. Dan Austin, a botanist at Florida Atlantic University for more than twenty years, has volunteered to chair this new committee. This committee will evaluate new exotic plant species as to their potential invasiveness in Florida. Dr. Austin was one of the first individuals in Florida who **recognized the threats posed by invasive exotic vegetation** and published an article in 1978 outlining his concerns in Environmental Conservation entitled "Exotic plants and their effects in southeastern Florida. Anyone who wishes to serve on this committee, please contact Dr. Austin at (407) 367-3320.

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP - Mr. Mark McMahon, Chairman of the EPPC Publications Committee, needs your help in obtaining good, quality 35 mm slides (not duplicates) illustrating prominent morphological features of the 23 exotic pest plant species published in the last newsletter. **Help him!**

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