



Midwest Invasive Plant Network

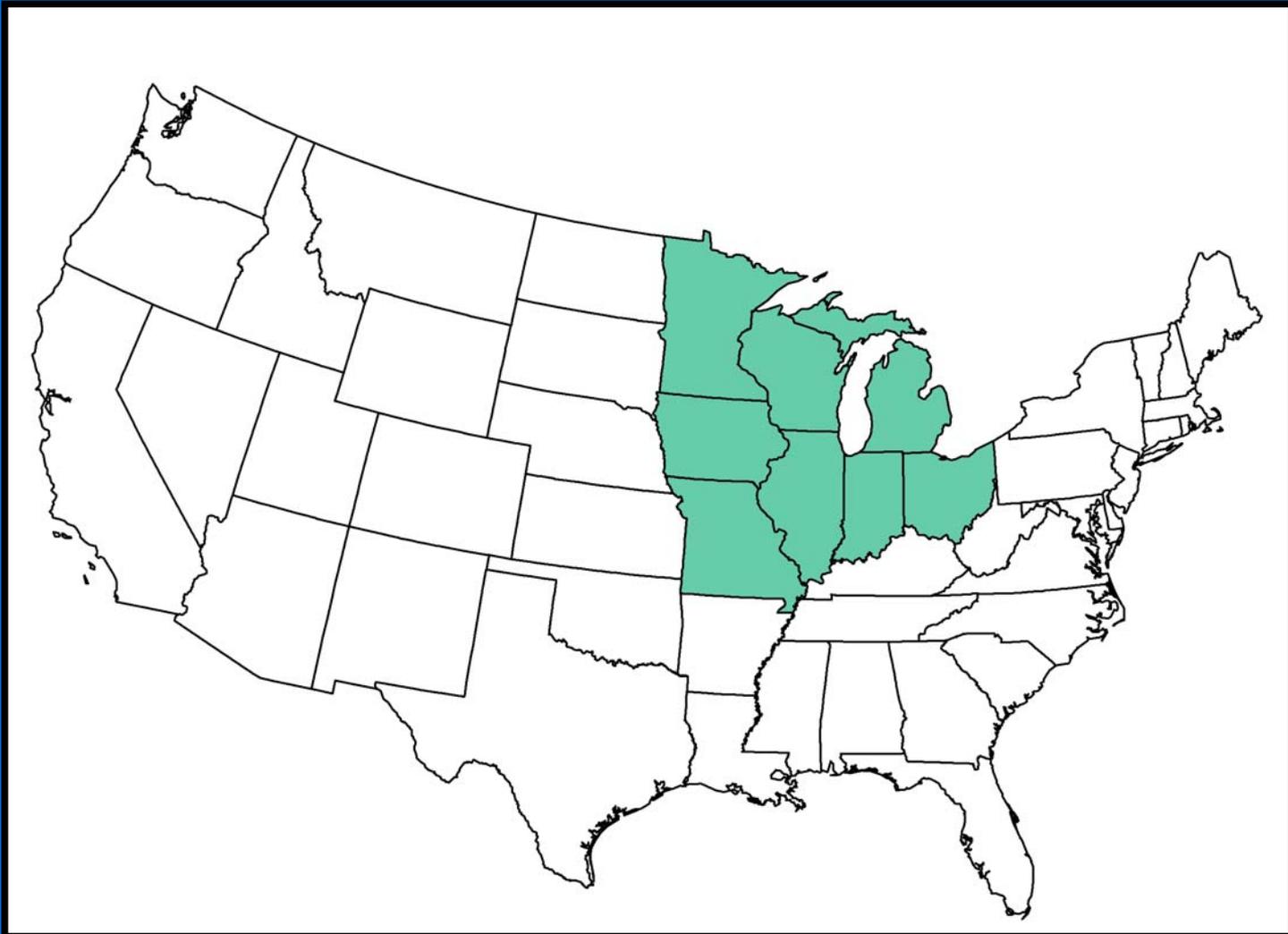
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The mission of the Midwest Invasive Plant Network is to reduce the impact of invasive plants in the Midwest



We are achieving our mission by:

- facilitating collaboration and information exchange among organizations
- serving as a clearinghouse of information
- helping to educate the public about invasive plants
- taking on projects best approached at a regional level



EARLY DETECTION/ RAPID RESPONSE & DATA MANAGEMENT



- Create an early detection network for invasive plants in the Midwest
- Facilitate sharing of invasive plant data, including early detection and rapid response reports, within the Midwest.

Early Detection Programs for Invasive Plants in the Midwest

Single Species Focus

- Illinois Kudzu Eradication Program
- Indiana Kudzu Eradication Program
- Garlic Mustard in Northern Michigan

Multi-species Focus

- Wisconsin Invasive Plants Reporting & Prevention
- New Invaders Watch Program – Northeast Illinois and Northwest Indiana



Scaling up to the regional level

Benefits of a regional early detection program:

- Provide better coverage for the region in areas without early detection programs
- Improve communication between existing programs and across state lines

We organized experts on inventory and monitoring in each state to:

- Create a list of priority species for early detection
- Create range maps of current distribution

KEEP A LOOK OUT!

For **NEW INVASIVE PLANTS** In The Midwest!

These species could be spreading in your area. **Early detection and eradication** can prevent an invasion!

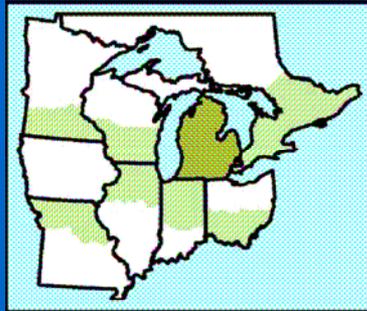
The maps show current general distribution in the Midwest, including southern Ontario:

□ Not Known, ■ Isolated, ■ Locally Abundant, ■ Widespread.



To report a sighting, please contact: <http://www.mipn.org/EDDRContacts.html>

Black swallow-wort
(*Cynanchum louisiae*)



Mile-a-minute
(*Polygonum perfoliatum*)



Japanese stilt grass (*Microstegium
vimineum*)



Not Known Isolated Locally Abundant Widespread

How do you report a sighting?

- Separate contacts for each state
 - No additional infrastructure needed
 - Information is verified locally and provided to local agencies for rapid response
- Currently no centralized location for all Midwest data and no coordinated rapid response