

# Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

## Invasive Species to Watch Out For



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### Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*)

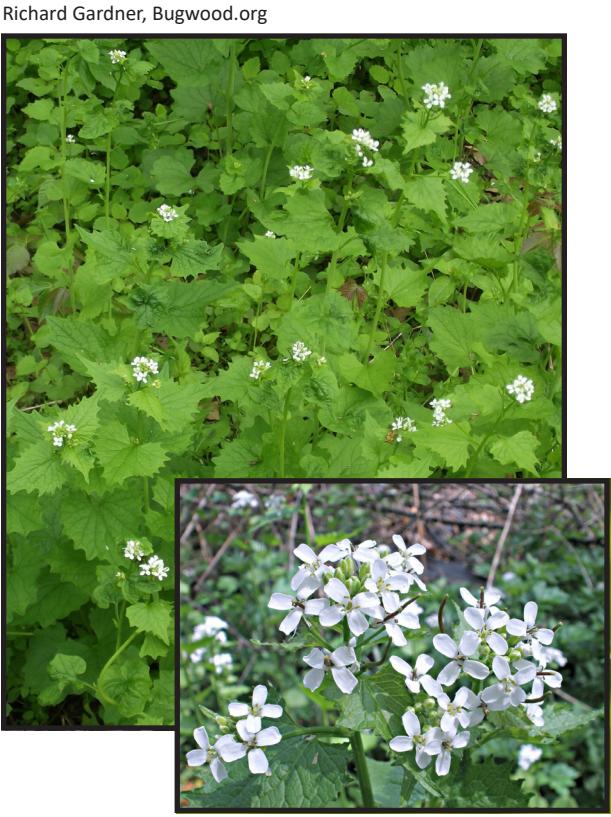
**Appearance:** A bushy, winter-hardy, upright perennial forb up to 4 ft. tall, living 2-5 years.

**Foliage:** First year the plant is a rosette with lobed leaves. Subsequent years the foliage is alternate on steam, spiraling and juttnng out and upward bluish green, hairy leaves.

**Flowering Head:** Egg-shaped flower bud covered in fringed green bracts with black tips that eventually part to allow a constricted pinkish-to-lavender thistle plume.

**Fruit/Seeds:** Tightly packed heads of oblong, brownish, hairy seeds, 0.1 in. long, topped by short stubby bristles that disperse like dandelion seeds.

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### Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)

**Appearance:** An herbaceous, biennial (living two years) forb. Easily recognized by a garlic odor when any part of the plant is crushed.

**Foliage:** First year rosettes have green, heart-shaped, 1-6 in. long leaves. Second year foliage becomes more triangular, alternate on stem, and strongly toothed.

**Flowering Heads:** Second year plants produce a 1-4 ft. tall flowering stalk. Each flower is 0.25 in. across and has four small, white petals and occurs in clusters.

**Fruit/Seeds:** Shiny black and produced in erect, slender green pods which turn pale brown when mature.

Bell's honeysuckle, Leslie J. Mehrhoff, University of Connecticut, Bugwood.org



Amur honeysuckle, Leslie J. Mehrhoff, University of Connecticut, Bugwood.org

### Asiatic honeysuckles (*Lonicera* spp.)

**Appearance:** Most common invasive bush honeysuckles are Bell's, Tatarian, Morrow's, and Amur. They are woody bushes that can be from 8-20 ft. tall and can be found in open areas and woodlands.

**Foliage:** Leaves are opposite on the stem and round to ovate, 1-3 in. long, and may be slightly hairy.

**Flowering Heads:** Flowers can be white, pink or red and occur in pairs where the leaves meet the stem, resulting in four flowers in each cluster. Flowers have five petals that are either equally distributed or may be grouped into three-four at the top of the flower and one-two at the bottom.

**Fruit/Seeds:** Red to orange berries that arise in pairs where the flowers were and are 0.25 in. in diameter.

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### Wild Parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*)


**Appearance:** A biennial/perennial herb that looks and can grow up to 2-5 ft. tall and branches occasionally.

**Foliage:** Leaves are alternate, compound, branched with jagged teeth, and up to 18 in. long and 6 in. wide. There are about nine leaflets that are yellowish-green, shiny, oblong, coarsely-toothed, and diamond-shaped.



**Flowering Head:** Flower head is a3-8 in. across flat-topped umbel (shaped like an upside down umbrella) with hundreds of small yellow flowers.


**Fruit/Seeds:** Dry, smooth, slightly winged and flattened on back. Fruits each contain two seeds, that are dispersed in the fall.


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