

# GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BRUSH OFF.

Shoes can carry the seeds of invasive plants like Pale Swallow-wort (*Cynanchum rossicum*). Please brush them off before entering and leaving this area.

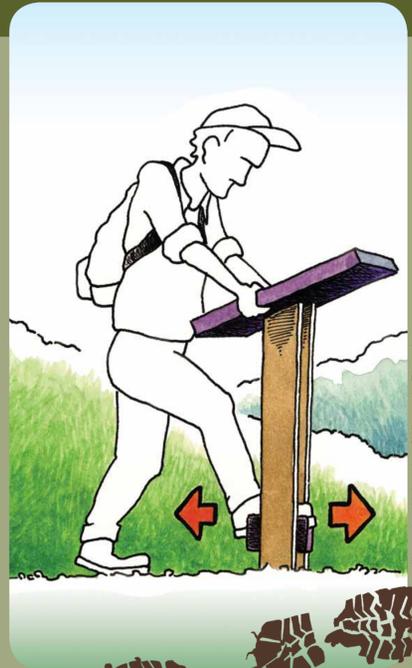


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## What's The Problem?

**Pale Swallow-wort** is an invasive plant that can overgrow native plants and poisons beneficial pollinators such as the monarch butterfly.

- Originally from Ukraine and Russia, this plant came to the United States in the 1800s.
- Look for opposite, dark green leaves, pale pink star-like flowers, and pod-like fruits with wind-dispersed seeds.
- Black Swallow-wort, a related invasive species, is also found at the Preserve and has deep purple-black flowers.



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## Other Invasive Plants On The Move...

**Autumn Olive**  
(*Elaeagnus umbellata*)



Autumn Olive was originally introduced to the US from Asia in the 1800s for ornamental and erosion control purposes and is now threatening the Preserve's ecosystems. Its simple, oval leaves have a shiny, silvery underside.

**False Spirea**  
(*Sorbaria sorbifolia*)



False Spirea has double-toothed, alternate leaves that resemble those of sumac or fern, and has showy, white flowers. It was likely originally planted for ornamental purposes. There are two known populations at the Preserve: at Wheeler Watson Cemetery and Loop Three Trail.

**Bishop's Goutweed**  
(*Aegopodium podagraria*)



Bishop's Goutweed (aka Snow-on-the-Mountain) is native to Eurasia and was identified for the first time at the Preserve in 2019. It is widely found in gardens in the area and has mitten-shaped, toothed leaves with white, umbrella-shaped flowerheads.



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