

**Norman Wilder Forest**

**Non-native & Invasive Plant Key**

1. Section 1 – Finds
   1. Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortune*)
   2. Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)
   3. English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)
2. Section 2 – Finds
   1. Oregon Grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*)
   2. Multiflora Rose (*Rosa cathayensis*)
3. Section 3 – Finds
   1. English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)
   2. Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)
   3. Oregon Grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*)
   4. Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*)
   5. Multiflora Rose (*Rosa cathayensis*)
   6. Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina domestica*)
4. Section 4 – Finds
   1. Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*)
   2. Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)
   3. Multiflora Rose (*Rosa cathayensis*)
   4. Privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*)

**Why are Non-native & Invasive Plants Harmful?**

Habitat loss and non-native and invasive plants are the leading cause of native biodiversity loss. Non-native and invasive plant species spread quickly and can displace native plants, prevent native plant growth, and create monocultures. A healthy plant community has a variety of herbs, shrubs, and trees. Non-native and invasive plants cause biological pollution by reducing plant species diversity. Changes in plant community diversity reduce the quality and quantity of wildlife habitat.

**Norman Wilder Forest Non-native and Invasive Plant Scavenger Hunt Leader Questions**

* Can you explain what a non-native and invasive plant is and why it is harmful?
* What did you learn about plants?
* Do you think learning how to identify plants is important?
* How do you think you can use the information you learned today in the future?
* Can you name one non-native and invasive species? How can you identify it? And how it effects the environment around it?