

**Oklawaha Greenway Summer**

**Non-native & Invasive Plant Key**

1. Section 1 – Finds
   1. Chinese Privet (Ligustrum lucidum)
   2. Multiflora Rose (Rosa cathayensis)
   3. Bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus)
   4. Japanese Knotweed (Fallopia japonica)
2. Section 2 – Finds
   1. Multiflora Rose (Rosa cathayensis)
   2. Japanese Knotweed (Fallopia japonica)
   3. Chinese Privet (Ligustrum lucidum)
   4. Bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus)
3. Section 3 – Finds
   1. English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)
   2. Multiflora Rose (*Rosa cathayensis*)
   3. Japanese Knotweed (Fallopia japonica)
   4. Chinese 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.

**Oklawaha Greenway 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?