

INVASIVE PLANTS

Explore this resource from the US Forest Service to learn more about invasive plants:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/invasives/>

What makes a plant invasive? What impacts can an invasive plant have on the environment? What impacts can they have on human communities?

What role do humans have in spreading invasive plants? What practices can help in preventing the spread of invasive plants?



Extender Activity:

Review the articles below. How do they suggest plants classified as “invasive” might actually provide positive impacts in the environment?

Do you find these arguments convincing? What do you think of classifying plants as native or invasive?

Strong Towns, *Rethinking Invasive Species*

<https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2015/10/27/invasive-species>

Modern Farmer, *Rethinking Pests, Invasive Species, and Other Paradigms*

<https://modernfarmer.com/2019/09/rethinking-pests-invasive-species-and-other-paradigms/>

