

LANDOWNERS URGED TO IDENTIFY INVASIVE PLANTS

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is launching a citizen science project for landowners in the Credit River watershed.

From now until July 31, Nature Invaders Scavenger Hunt encourages landowners to look for invasive plants in their yards, gardens, forests, and fields and submit the photos through iNaturalist, an easy to use free app that identifies plants and animals from photographs taken with a phone or tablet.

The goal of the program is to raise awareness of invasive species, help landowners identify common invasive plants on their property, and provide landowners with resources to control and remove invasive plants.

"Invasive plants can seriously impact the enjoyment of your property and removing them is one of the most positive ways you can help wildlife," said Alison Qua-Enoo, senior co-ordinator, rural outreach at CVC. "Identifying invasive plants early is the best way to stop them from taking over your property and spreading into



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Credit Valley Conservation is encouraging landowners to identify invasive species of plants on their property.

natural spaces."

CVC is offering two, free webinars to help identify invasive plants and understand their impact:

- Tuesday, June 28, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Invasive plants: stop them early to control them quickly.

- Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Top invasive insects in the Credit River watershed.

Learn more and register at cvc.ca/natureinvaders. Landowners in the Credit River watershed who register and participate in one of the webinars or the scavenger hunt will also have the opportunity to enter into a draw for a free native plant prize pack. For full contest details, visit cvc.ca/contestrules.

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