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## Invasive species awareness

Invasive species can cause widespread economic and environmental damage when introduced into an area. Unit Horticulture Educator Ken Johnson has partnered with colleagues Chris Enroth (Macomb) and Andrew Holsinger (Hillsboro) to raise awareness of invasive species.

### **Uninvited Guests: Invasive Species Webinar Series**

This series looks at some of the latest invasive insects and worms to help prepare participants on what to look for and how to manage these invaders. Species covered are spotted lanternfly, jumping worms, and emerald ash borer.

### **Good Growing Podcast: Good plant, bad plant**

This three-part looks at some problematic plants that, while not officially listed as invasive, have escaped cultivation and are causing problems in many places. In addition to discussing how these plants negatively affect native ecosystems and their management, we also discuss alternative plants that can be planted instead.

This series also looks at some invasive species like bush honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, teasel, and purple loosestrife. We discuss the problems, how to manage them, and some plants that can be used to replace them.

The Good Growing podcast can be found on most podcasting platforms and YouTube or by visiting [go.illinois.edu/goodgrowingpodcast](http://go.illinois.edu/goodgrowingpodcast).



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