



**South Carolina
Exotic Pest Plant
Council**



SC EPPC Purpose

- The SC-EPPC is a state chapter of the Southeastern Exotic Pest Plant Council and National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Council
- Raise awareness about the threat posed by invasive exotic pest plants throughout SC and the SE.
- Facilitate the exchange of information concerning management and control of invasive, exotic plants



SC EPPC Purpose

- Provide a forum for all interested parties to participate in meetings, workshops, and annual symposia as a state and regional organization.
- Serve as an educational, advisory, and technical support council on all aspects of exotics.
- Initiate campaign actions to prevent future introductions.



SC-EPPC Website

<http://www.se-eppc.org/southcarolina/>

- » [Bylaws](#)
- » [Membership Form](#)
- » [Invasive Plant List](#)
- » [Invasive Plant Pest Species Brochure](#)
- » [Early Detection and Rapid Response Target Species](#) - NEW
- » [State EDRR System Non-Native Invasive Plants Committee Work Plan](#) - NEW
- » [Wavyleaf Basketgrass – A New Invader of Deciduous Forests in Maryland and Virginia.](#) – NEW

Thanks to the [AC Moore Herbarium at the University of South Carolina](#) for adding a Conservation Status to their plant search database that identifies invasive species in their collection. Check it out at: <http://129.252.87.104:8080/ACMooreHerbarium/> Meetings

- [Controlling Invasives and Promoting Natives Through Collaborative Efforts in the Southeast - Feb. 1-3, 2010](#) - NEW



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Board of Directors

- **President: John Brubaker, SCNPS, retired Med. Univ. SC.**
- **Vice President: Pat Layton, Department Head, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, Clemson**
- **Treasurer/Membership: Colette Degarady, Conservation Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy**
- **Secretary: Sudie Daves Thomas, NRCS**



SC-EPPC Members at Large

- **David Bourgeois, Mead/Westvaco**
- **Sudie Davis Thomas, NRCS**
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- **Bill Huslander, National Park Service**
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- **Matt Nespeca, Nu Farm Chemical Company**
- **Laurie Reid, SC Forestry Commission**
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- **Mike Hook, SC DNR, aquatic weed division**
- **Kari Whitley, Plant pathologist and nursery consultant**
- **Theresa Yednock, National Park Service**



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Randy Westbrooks, USGS
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- **Invasive Plant Mapping Data Coordination**
Herrick Brown, USC Herbarium
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Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR)



- Warning system
 - Interagency coordination
 - Rapid assessment
 - Rapid response

- USDA website

• <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/toolkit/detection.shtml>

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Library

**NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES
INFORMATION CENTER**





Cogongrass

- Found in the Francis Marion National Forest
- <http://www.cofc.edu/~everettj/cogongrass.html#Information>





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Education and Outreach





Partnering with the SC Native Plant Society

- Intersecting missions
 - SCNPS: preserve and protect native plant communities
 - SCEPPC: promote education and eradication of invasive plants in SC



Invasive species are the second highest threat to natural plant communities!



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Invasive plant mapping

- Important to document occurrences
 - Through SE EPPC website (easiest for public, googlebased)

SE-EPPC Regional Mapping Project

[View Distribution](#)

[Report Infestations](#)



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- **Kudzu Kollege** – the last Saturday of every month in Spartanburg, SC.



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Invasive species list



- List found on SC EPPC website and within brochure
 - Organized by severity, region, type of plant
- Updated periodically by SC botanists, ecologists, and land managers



Special Projects

- Beach Vitex eradication
- SC invasive data collection
- Cogongrass grant/survey
- Herbicide application workshops





What can you do?

- Get more involved
 - Join SC EPPC
 - Become a part of EDRR
 - Report invasive occurrences





Benefits of Membership

- Receive Wildland Weeds quarterly
- Two state-wide meetings and one regional meeting per year
- Networking with professionals and volunteers across the state and region
- Access to technical information and educational materials



Where to go for more information

- www.beachvitex.org
- www.kokudzu.org
- www.se-eppc.org
- www.bugwood.org
- www.naeppc.org
- www.cogongrass.org
- www.forestryimages.org