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Upcoming Events

[Alaska Forum on the Environment](#)

February 9th-13th, 2015

Anchorage, AK

[National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#)

February 22nd-28th, 2015

Washington D.C.

Media Spotlight

[Montana Governor signs executive order to combat invasive species](#)

[State, contractors fail to keep invasive weeds out of Chugach State Park](#)

[President's State, Local, and Tribal leaders task force on climate preparedness and resilience.](#)

[Refuge Notebook: Progress on eradicating elodea from the Kenai Peninsula](#)

[Freshwater pest makes coping with drought more difficult](#)

[Incentivizing the public to support invasive species management: Eurasian milfoil reduces lakefront property values](#)

[Finding durable foul-release coatings to control invasive mussel attachment highlighted in Bureau of Reclamation study](#)

[Lake Erie increasingly susceptible to large cyanobacteria blooms](#)

[AKDOT Statewide Environmental Office](#)

[Quagga mussel veligers discovered in Angostura Reservoir - South Dakota](#)

[Turning to Darwin to solve the mystery of invasive species](#)

[Alien invasion](#)

[Overseas trade alters a lizard's sStocks](#)

[Minnesota Lake first in nation to use new product to kill zebra mussels](#)

Meeting Minutes

[December 2014](#) [September 2014](#)

[November 2014](#) [August 2014](#)

[October 2014](#) [July 2014](#)

Alaska Forum on the Environment, 2015

The Alaska Forum on the Environment (AFE) is Alaska's largest statewide gathering of environmental professionals from government agencies, non-profit and for-profit businesses, community leaders, Alaskan youth, conservationists, biologists and community elders. The diversity of attendees and comprehensive agenda sets this conference apart from any other.

Each year over 80 technical breakout sessions and sensational Keynote Events are offered. This includes a full week of sessions on climate change, energy, environmental regulations, cleanup and remediation, fish & wildlife, solid waste, and of course much more. For our 17th year event in 2015, we will continue our expanded content on Marine Debris, Coastal Issues and Tsunami's in order to address the pressing concerns from Alaska rural coastal communities.

This is your opportunity to learn more about the environment and meet with other Alaskans that work in the environmental field.

Monday, February 9, 2015 - Friday, February 13, 2015

7:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Dena'ina Convention Center

600 West Seventh Avenue

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

For more information visit their [website](#).



NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK 2015

February 22 - 28, 2015 • Washington D.C.

For more information visit: www.nisaww.org

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Do you have an interesting story, announcement, or upcoming event you would like to share in the newsletter?

The more we contribute and share, the more we learn.

Please email your submissions and photographs to

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Name This Plant!

Often used as a ground cover, this plant has medicinal uses and is used as a salad green in many countries.

It 'creeps' along and is invasive in Alaska. What am I? (See next page for answer)





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Alaska Committee for Noxious & Invasive Plants Management

CNIPM facebook Group Launched!

The facebook GROUP for CNIPM launched on December 8, 2014. Initially a facebook PAGE was made to share information with CNIPM members and the general public, but as time passed the realization set in that we can reach and interact with more people using the 'group' platform rather than a 'page'. The page will remain up for the interim for our passive users but links to the join the group will be provided.

In order for our collective efforts to be successful CNIPM asks that everybody [JOIN THE GROUP](#) and also [PARTICIPATE](#). This is a great forum for the professionals to help educate the general public. LET'S ALL DO OUR PART!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AKInvasivePlants/>



2014 Invasive Species Conference a Huge Success!

The Alaska Invasive Species Workshop featured aquatic and terrestrial invasive species management, policies, research, and citizen science as well as a costume contest. The workshop drew over 100 participants from land management agencies, conservation organizations, and an increasingly interested private sector. On the last day groups participated in 'breakout sessions' for informal discussions related to their disciplines and to collaborate ideas on communication and policies. Overall, participants continue to be satisfied with the workshop, and are applying information they learn at the workshop in their jobs. If you missed the workshop or want to refresh you memory on some of the presentations many are posted online (<http://uaf.edu/ces/pests/cnipm/annual-invasive-species-c/15th-annual-meeting-anchorage/>). Additionally, more photographs can be found on CNIPM's facebook group page by following the link in the above article.



Answer to **Name this Plant** is Creeping Charlie (*Glechoma hederacea*)

CNIPM Announces New Board Members:

CNIPM is pleased to announce the new board members for the upcoming year. All board seats are nominated and elected by the voting membership during the annual conference and serve two-year terms. Heather Stewart was voted into the Chair position and Matt Steffy will be acting as Vice Chair. There are seven directors and 4 Ex-Officio members. Each serve a two-year term. and short biographies of the board members can be found here:

http://plants.alaska.gov/CNIPM/2015_2016CNIPMboard.pdf

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