

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” ~ Margaret Mead

Who We Are:

CNIPM is a professional group of agencies and organizations in Alaska that have an interest and willingness to work for statewide management of noxious and invasive plant issues. CNIPM has been sharing scientific and technical expertise, collaborating on projects, and coordinating outreach since 2000.

The Issue:

Alaska is in a unique position to prevent a severe problem with invasive plants. Prevention and early eradication have repeatedly been shown to be far cheaper and more effective than large-scale control efforts once invasive plants become widespread. With quick, coordinated action, Alaska has the chance to eradicate many problematic invasive weeds, and prevent others from ever arriving in the state.

Despite Alaska’s relatively cool climate and remote location, it is not immune to invasive species. However, invasive plant populations remain relatively concentrated to urban areas and roadsides in Alaska. Prevention and early detection are more effective and cost efficient than large scale control.

Invasive vs. Noxious Plants:

- Invasive - Plants introduced into an environment where they did not originate. They grow aggressively, reproduce rapidly and displace native and agricultural vegetation.
- Noxious - Plants defined by a federal, state, or county government as harmful to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife or property.
- Both invasive and noxious plants can impact all environments of Alaska; wildlands, parks, fish habitat and agricultural fields by reducing biodiversity, altering soil chemistry and impacting water resources.

Bringing greater statewide awareness, coordination, cooperation, and action to halt the introduction and spread of invasive plants in Alaska.



Alaska Committee for Noxious & Invasive Plants Management

CNIPM Goals:

1. To heighten awareness among all citizens about the negative impacts of invasive plants to Alaska’s economy and environment.
2. To foster the exchange of information and greater statewide coordination, cooperation, and action in the prevention and management of invasive plants in Alaska.

The CNIPM Strategic Plan addresses critical approaches to building a strong and successful statewide invasive plant management program:

**Coordination • Education • Inventory and Monitor
Research • Management • Prevention**

Alaska’s Worst Invaders:



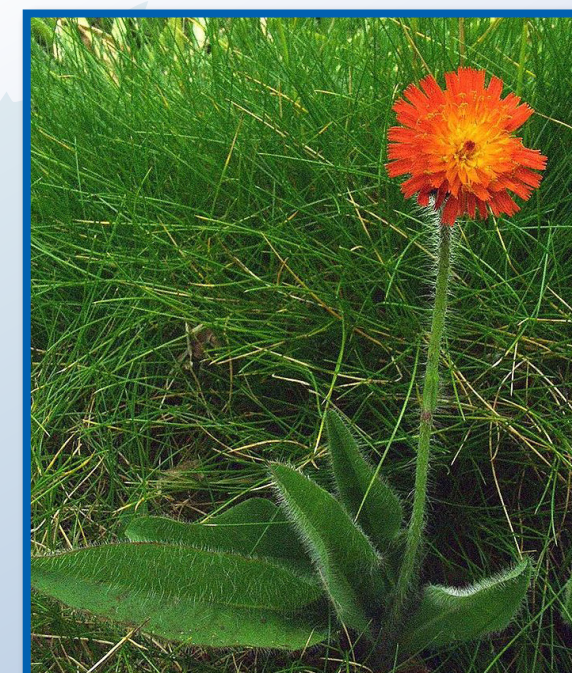
Purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*



White sweetclover, *Melilotus albus*



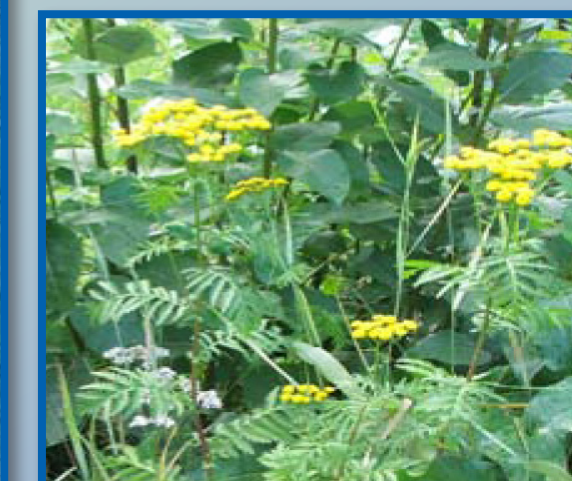
Canada thistle, *Cirsium arvense*



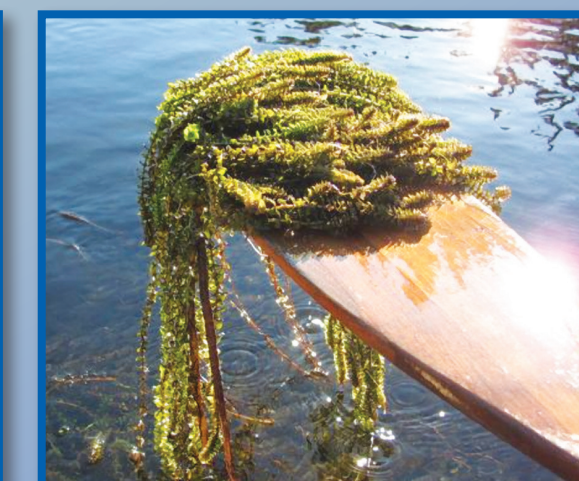
Orange hawkweed, *Hieracium aurantiacum*



Japanese knotweed, *Polygonum cuspidatum*



Common tansy, *Tanacetum vulgare*



Elodea spp. in Chena slough.



Yellow toadflax, *Linaria vulgaris*

CNIPM’s goal is to address statewide noxious and invasive plant issues with Federal, State, and Private/Native landowners

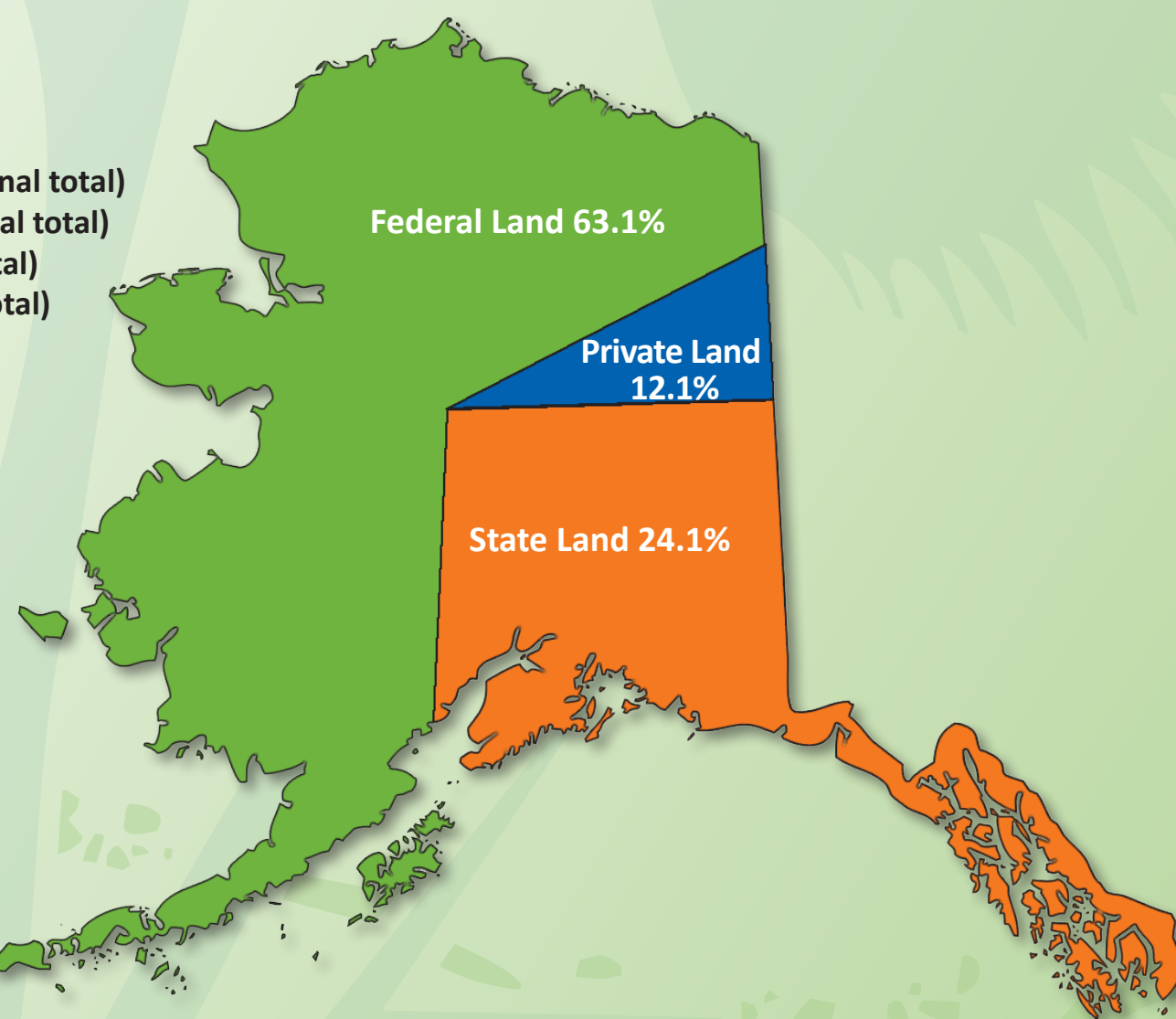
Federal Land • 63.1%

- Bureau of Land Management: 82.6 million acres (27% of national total)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: 78.9 million acres (83% of national total)
- U.S. Park Service: 52.3 million acres (68% of national total)
- U.S. Forest Service: 22.6 million acres (11% of national total)
- Military: 1.7 million acres

Private/Native Land • 12.1%

- ANCSA Native Corp: 39.2 million acres
- Non-ANCSA Private Land: 5.9 million acres

State Land • 24.1%
State of Alaska: 89.8 million acres



Wasilla High School students pose for a picture after pulling weeds on their campus (Photo: Catherine Inman. Wasilla Soil and Water Conservation District).



Economic assessments of the impacts invasive plants will have to agriculture, forestry, fisheries, subsistence and recreational resources are needed in Alaska. Photo by Edwin Remsburg, USDA/CSREES.



This Himalayan blackberry plant, *Rubus discolor*, discovered growing from an uninspected rootball.



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