



Call for Citizen Science Invasive Species Volunteers: Join the effort to help locate and eradicate invasive plants from WA State!

*****New—two additional trainings in June*****

About the Program

The PNW Invasive Plant Council is a non-profit conservation organization (<http://www.pnw-ipc.org/>) working in partnership with the USDA Forest Service, Washington Dept. of Agriculture (WSDA) and other state and local conservation groups on a Citizen Science EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) program. With funding from the National Forest Foundation and the WSDA, we are gearing up for our third year to search for priority invasive plants in our National Forests and beyond. **We are excited to recruit new volunteers and inspire our current volunteer base to search for and eradicate invasive plant populations** in WA State. This year we are focusing on documenting invasive species in the **Olympic, Gifford Pinchot and Okanogan-Wenatchee (Naches District) Forests** but surveys are needed on other public lands. **If you are hiking, boating, kayaking, horseback riding or working in these areas** and are interested in participating in our program, **you are invited to attend one of our six upcoming trainings (trainings are free).**

May and June Training Locations and Dates for 2014:

- Thursday, May 8th; 1pm - 3:30pm OR 5:30pm - 8pm at USDA Olympic National Forest Office in Olympia, WA. **The two trainings are identical so you just need to attend one.****

Address: 1835 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia, WA

Please enter through the main entrance, which faces towards Black Lake Blvd. The conference room will be on your right when you enter the main lobby of the building. Parking is available in the visitor lot in front of the main entrance, or along the northeast side of the building.
- Friday, May 9th; 1pm – 3:30pm OR 5:30pm-8pm at USDA Gifford Pinchot National Forest Office in Vancouver, WA. **The two trainings are identical so you just need to attend one.****

Address: 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682

Please enter by the front door on the west side of the building. Sign in at the front desk. You can park in the main lot or visitor parking on the south side of the building.
- Saturday, June 21st; 9:30am-12:00pm at the Cowlitz County Administration Building in Kelso, WA**

Address: 207 Fourth Avenue N., Kelso, WA, 92626 (General Meeting room, 3rd floor – Room 300)

Parking is available on streets around the Administration Building (three story brick building) or in 2 lots located East and Northwest of the building. Enter the building through the north door; proceed up one floor to the meeting room.
- Saturday, June 28th, 9:30am-12:00pm at the Naches Ranger Station in Naches, WA.**

Address: 10237 U.S. Highway 12, Naches, WA 98937

Volunteers enter through the BACK door of the building. Parking is available in the back near the back door.

*****Capacity is limited so if you would like to attend one of the trainings, please RSVP to Julie Combs at pnw.ipc.org@gmail.com (or call 615-812-5295) to reserve your place! We look forward to seeing you there.**

Citizen Science EDRR Volunteer Training

Our mission is to train citizens to identify a suite of invasive plants and to take basic data on their location and population numbers so we can inform land managers of their presence which will help lead to their eradication before they spread. In some cases, manual removal is possible so you can learn how and which species you can help to eradicate on site. **We will train volunteers to identify target invasive and EDRR plants** in a 2.5 hour training which will include a PowerPoint presentation and an opportunity to examine herbarium species and live material of target species. **Volunteers who sign up for the program will receive a training booklet to help ID species** in the field along with survey forms and instruction on how to fill out the survey form. **EDRR trainings are free.** Trainings are intended to equip volunteers with the knowledge necessary to conduct invasive plant surveys in target areas. **We hope that each volunteer who attends the trainings can commit to at least two surveys over the 2014 field season in the Olympic and Gifford Pinchot National Forest regions and beyond.**