



Purple Loosestrife



**Non-native
Aggressive
Invasive**



Reed Canary Grass

Invasive Species

Invasive species are plants and animals that are not native to an area, which are capable of causing harm. While most non-native plant species are not a problem, a few harm ecosystems and impede water recreation. Once introduced, invasive species can spread to new areas and can rarely be eliminated. The costs to reduce their impacts can be high.

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Purple Loosestrife was once sold for its beautiful flowers. It has invaded thousands of Minnesota wetlands, displacing native plants and reducing food and habitat for native species.

Reed Canary Grass

Reed Canary Grass is an aggressive, invasive plant that produces dense stands in wetlands and along shorelines. Its establishment can lead to declines in native plants, and does not stabilize shorelines. It has little value for wildlife. Attempts to restore wetlands or lakeshores often fail to establish native vegetation due to invasion by Reed Canary Grass.

Further Information

**MLWA web site contains information on species identification and control:
www.MeadowLakeMatters.org**

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