

Invasive Non-native Species Spotter Sheet



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Invasive non-native species are species introduced by people that harm native wildlife, habitats, the economy, or public health. They can spread rapidly and are a major threat to biodiversity. Early detection is key. Help protect the island by recording sightings using the iRecord app.

Established Invasive Non-native Species

Red Ripple Bryozoan



- When young, they are small, flat and almost circular.
- Well established colonies have a rippled surface with frills.
- Grows on hard substrates. Colour varies from red, orange, purplish-brown, black or grey.

Japanese Wireweed



- Large olive-brown seaweed.
- Branches along stem have flattened, oval blades and spherical air bladders.
- Grows in dense mats over rockpool surfaces.
- Stems usually over 1m long.

American Slipper Limpet



Photo credit Jessi Jennings

- Slipper-shaped, oval, smooth shell.
- Pale cream, white or yellow with patches of orangey-red.
- Grows in stacks of up to 12 animals with the largest at the bottom.
- Up to 5cm in length and 2.5cm high.

Montbretia x crocosmia



- Sword-shaped leaves with upright, arching stems.
- Flowers are small, funnel-shaped and usually orange, that open in succession.
- Grows in clumps, up to 60cm tall.

Japanese Knotweed



- Bamboo-like stems with purple spots.
- Large, light green heart-shaped leaves.
- Clusters of hanging creamy white flowers.
- Grows in large clumps up to 2m high.

Cape Ivy



- Climbing vine which can grow in dense mats over other vegetation.
- Glossy-green, ivy-shaped leaves with sharp points.
- Small yellow flowers.
- Stems can grow up to 5m long.

If you find an invasive non-native species not included on this sheet, take a photo and ask for advice on the [Guernsey Wildlife or Insects of the Channel Islands Facebook pages](#). You can then submit the record to iRecord.

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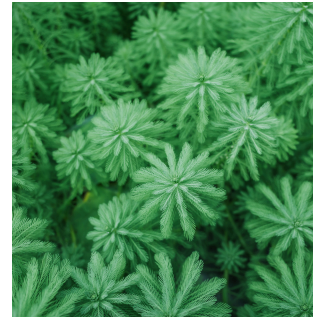


Sour Fig



- Low growing in dense mats.
- Succulent leaves which are sharply-angled and triangular. 5-10cm in length.
- Green or reddish in colour.
- Flowers either yellow or pink, up to 15cm wide.

Parrot's Feather



- Freshwater plant, found underwater or growing up to 30cm out the water.
- Brownish stems.
- Bright green leaves growing in feather-like whorls, like small fir trees.
- Grows densely across the surface.

Species not yet established

Ring-necked Parakeet



- Medium-sized with green body and red beak.
- Males black throat with pink and black ring around neck.
- In flight, wings are pointed with a long tail.
- Has a loud call.
- Wingspan is 42-48cm, total body length 40cm.

Oak Processionary Moth Caterpillars



- Grey body with long, white hairs and dark head.
- When older, have a central dark stripe with paler lines each side.
- On Oak trees.
- Move about together in nose-to-tail 'processions'.
- Individual caterpillars can grow up to 3cm long.

Asian Hornet



- Velvety black/brown body.
- Near end of the abdomen is a yellow/orange band.
- Legs are black/brown with yellow ends.
- Black head with an orange face.
- Workers up to 2.5cm and Queens up to 3.2cm.

Giant Hogweed



- Hollow, green stems with purple spots.
- Huge leaves divided into smaller leaflets with jagged edges and hairy undersides.
- Small, white flowers on umbrella-like heads.
- Up to 5m high and 2m wide.