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By Lindsay Knapp

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Invasive Species: Some Science and Some Questions

By Jono Neiger



Invasive species, the new species on the block, have been taking heat for ecosystem changes for several decades. And yet, many of our commonly held assumptions about invasive species are not entirely correct. The science backing up heated claims is increasingly coming into question.

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An Interview

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New Native Plant Resource



Grow Native Massachusetts is a new nonprofit organization that began operations last year as Grow Native Cambridge. Their mission is to educate the public about the importance of native plants to biodiversity, and to promote a stewardship ethic that recognizes the value of all lands to conservation- big and small, urban and rural, public and private. Their website is an educational resource with information about native plants, invasive plants, and related ecological issues. Grow Native Massachusetts is also featuring a free public lecture series, "Evenings with Experts," and other programs about gardening with natives. Visit the Grow Native Massachusetts website at:

www.grownativemass.org.

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