

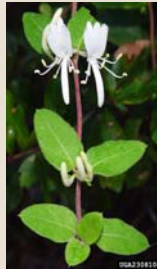
# Weed Action Coalition of the Hickory Nut Gorge

## Can you identify these common invasive species?

- Japanese Honeysuckle
- Tree of Heaven
- Oriental Bittersweet
- Princess Tree
- Japanese Knotweed
- Privet
- English Ivy
- Kudzu
- Mimosa

These are only but a few of the invasive species that are very quickly crowding out our wonderfully diverse native plant populations in the gorge.

Aliens are taking over our precious Hickory Nut Gorge!



## Why are Invasives a Problem?

Invasive exotic plants out-compete native plants for space, sunlight, water, and nutrients, often causing a decline in biodiversity.

Other problems they cause include:

- Greater fire dangers
- Greater flood dangers
- Less water for native species
- A decrease in native seeds for birds and other animals
- Decreased property values
- Habitat loss and degradation for native and rare species

## What Can You Do?

Contact WAC-HNG to:

1. Learn how to identify invasive species on your land
2. Learn where and how to buy native plants only
3. Volunteer for invasive plant removal workdays
4. Order a site management plan for your land to:
  - a. Identify what is invasive
  - b. Learn how to get rid of it
  - c. Learn how to keep them out!

## Contact Us



For More Information Please

Visit:

[www.WACHNG.org](http://www.WACHNG.org)

Or Call:

(828)-338-9847

WAC-HNG works as a coalition of area partners to protect the natural communities and scenic beauty of the Hickory Nut Gorge by managing the establishment and spread of invasive exotic plant species. We operate collaboratively to provide both public and private landowners in the Gorge with the information and resources that they need to restore their land to its native habitat