



Overview

November wasn't very November-like this year, warm winds, invasive species flowering, snow melting away. Is this still Wisconsin? Regardless, here are our highlights:

- Reach on-par with last year.
- Buck Fever Night was successful, with lots of repeat visitors from last year.
- We got out to treat some invasives including some flowering Wild Parsnip.
- Keep a look out for Siberian Elm.
- Coordination costs in November were around \$1,600.
- TIP is still working on our GLRI proposal.
- The main focus for December will be reporting 2016 activities and planning 2017 activities.



Spotted Knapweed in November taken by Chris Arrowood

Education & Outreach

November Reach Review:

November 2016 showed similar outreach numbers to the same time in 2015. By the numbers, TIP reached over 1,181 people using 78 Coordinator hours (12.5 people per coordinated hour). TIP experienced large declines in the Display, Facebook, and Meetings categories that were offset by gains in the popularity of TIP's website, which had 2.5 times as many visitors as last year.

Buck Fever Night!

On November 15th TIP hosted a booth at the annual Buck Fever Night in Shawano. The deer hunter focused event had strong attendance again this year with many repeat visitors. More than one child was excited to see the "card guy" (myself) was back again. This year there seemed to be extra interest in snails. We suspect that may have something to do with John Preuss' snail workshop in Elton this past summer.



Buck Fever Night by Chris A.

Inventory & Control

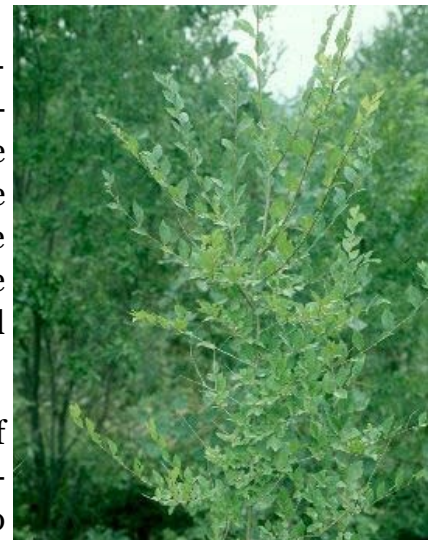
November Review

A warm November allowed for the last minute treatment of a few populations of Garlic Mustard and Wild Parsnip, which was *still* flowering. In fact, the late warm temperatures we experienced this November made several invasive species very apparent. Multiple partners and members of the general public took notice of the Wild Parsnip and Spotted Knapweed flowering and Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard still dark green on an otherwise brown landscape. These observations have encouraged some otherwise oblivious folks to look into control options.

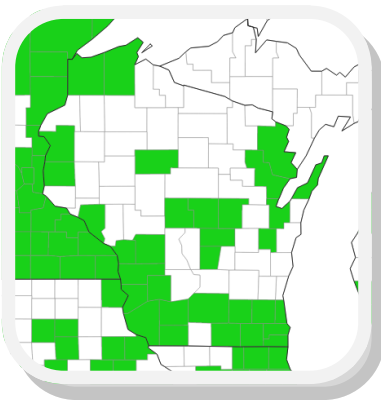
Invasive Species Spotlight: Siberian Elm

Many of you may know or remember how Dutch Elm Disease decimated the American Elm (*Ulmus americana*) across North America and wish to see elm trees on the landscape again, but don't be fooled by the Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*). This fast-growing tree quickly transforms roadsides, pastures, and prairies into dense thickets. These dense thickets have been shown to displace native plants and animals and provide habitat that other invasives will gain a foothold in.

Siberian Elm can be distinguished from native elms using leaf length. Siberian Elms have leaves from .8-2.6 inches in length, native elms have leaves that are 2.8+ inches. Siberian Elms will also flower in late summer and fall. If you find a Siberian Elm, be sure to report it to TIP so we can make sure others know about it as well.



Siberian Elm Taken By Kelly Kearns



Counties with reports of Siberian Elm in WI.



Elizabeth J. Czarapa

Do you have a mystery plant? Or a suspected invasive species?

TIP and our partners are more than happy to help you identify any mystery plants you have. Just give the TIP Coordinator a call (715-799-5710 ext 3) or email (timberlandinvasives@outlook.com) with your contact information.

Funding & Organizational Development

November Financial Overview

The costs to coordinate TIP in November were below average. This was due to a low number of hours worked. TIP currently has \$42,600 available to fund projects, including \$2,200 that must be used by the end of the year. We expect no issues in using up this funding at this time.

Cost	November	Year-to-Date
Labor	\$1,600	\$24,700
Supplies	\$5	\$1,705
Mileage	\$40	\$740
Total	\$1,645	\$27,245

GLRI CWMA Proposal

TIP is still working on our proposal for the GLRI CWMA request for proposals from the US Forest Service. The proposal's rough draft has been reviewed and has now been sent out to partners for a final review. We will be requesting \$40,000 for treatment of invasive species and restoration of native species in the TIP area. We hope to get letters of support for this project soon and submit all necessary documents to the Grants.gov website by December 22.

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus

As we head into December, I will be working to complete reports on a number of TIP's projects, oversee the GLRI Grant proposal, and start laying the groundwork for next year's efforts.

Coordinator Availability

Unfortunately, I expect to have extremely limited availability in December. I'll be working very few hours and I have several meetings to attend. Feel free to send me an email or leave me a phone message though, and I'll help if and when I can.

TIP'S ANNUAL MEETING

We are working out the details of TIP's annual meeting in February. Tentatively it is planned for February 28th at the Legend Lake Lodge in Keshena. Kelly Kearns from the WI DNR will be coming to speak to us. We are planning to provide lunch, and have some prizes to give away to early birds. We'd also like to have TIP partners speak about their efforts to control invasives!



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Important Dates

December

5: Langlade County LCC Meeting. 8:30 AM in Antigo. TIP will be giving the LCC Committee an update on activities, and discussing our GLRI Grant proposal.

6: TIP Executive Committee Meeting. 11:00 AM. The TIP Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss the GLRI Grant, Coordinator Updates, and project statuses. Contact the Coordinator if you plan to call in!

15: Polar Town Board Meeting. 5:00 PM in Polar Town Hall. The TIP coordinator will be discussing the control of Buckthorn on the town's property near Mueller's Lake.

22: TIP Submitting GLRI Grant Proposal.

January

6: GLRI CWMA Grant proposals due.

Check out the TIP Calendar Online at www.timberlandinvasives.org for more events!

How Can You Get Involved?

Action Teams

Action teams are meetings to discuss invasive species issues and plan treatment relevant to the member's area of interest. Who is a member of an Action team? Anyone willing to attend the meetings.

Volunteering

Volunteers help in the manual removal of invasive species from public lands and ditches within the CISMA, and are most welcome! Scheduling is flexible so please contact TIP Coordinator at the information below to establish a date and time you would like to volunteer.

Donations

For monetary donations, please contact Tracy Beckman at (715)369-9886.

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