

INVASIVE PLANTS OF THE UPPER MIDWEST. Kelly Kearns, Bureau of Endangered Resources, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

This session and Tim Smith's will cover the range of those invasive plants that are currently widespread in the Midwest and those that are likely to become problematic in the near future. A brief introduction will delineate some differences and similarities between ag weeds and invasive plants and touch on the economic impacts of invasives. This session will then cover the most widespread invasive plants in the upper Midwest with a focus on identification, origin, habitat preferences, means of spread and potential for ecosystem and economic damage. Potential problem species in the future will also be covered. Plan to attend both sessions as we will be splitting the plants up between the two talks.