

Ecology and Control of Japanese Chaff Flower—Program and Field Tour

Japanese chaff flower, *Achyranthes japonica*, is a relatively new exotic plant in Illinois, being first found in 2008. This species can aggressively invade forested lands and is rapidly spreading throughout the region, now found in 11 counties in southern Illinois.

Land managers and landowners should be aware of this new invader, be able to recognize it, and know the proper methods of control and management.

On June 22, 2017, the River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area is hosting a Japanese chaff flower program and field tour. This free program will be held at the Barkhausen-Cache River Wetlands Center from 1-3:30pm. History, identification, ecology, and control will be discussed and participants will tour an invaded site. Please RSVP for this program by emailing Chris Evans—cwevans@illinois.edu, 618-695-3383.



1:00-1:30	Introduction and History of Japanese Chaff Flower <i>Chris Evans, University of Illinois</i>
1:30-1:50	Ecology of Japanese Chaff Flower and Research Update <i>David Gibson, Southern Illinois University</i>
1:50-2:10	Control and Management of Japanese Chaff flower <i>Kevin Rohling, River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area</i>
2:10-2:30	Break and carpool to tour location
2:30-3:30	Japanese Chaff Flower site visit and discussion on threats, identification, and management <i>Karen Mangan, Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and Karla Gage, Southern Illinois University</i>

For more information, contact Chris Evans— cwevans@illinois.edu, 618-695-3383 or Kevin Rohling—rtrcwma@gmail.com, 618-998-5920

The workshop is organized by the River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area, partnering with the University of Illinois Extension Forestry, Southern Illinois University, Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact 618-695-3383.



Barkhausen-Cache River Wetlands Center

8885 State Route 37 South, Cypress, Illinois 62923

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