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The CWMA concept is beginning to catch on in the Midwest. At least four CWMA's have started up in the Midwest within the past year and several others are just beginning to form. The following resources are available for groups starting or planning to start a CWMA.

Educational Resources for CWMA's in the Midwest

Workshops

Midwest Invasive Plant Network's CWMA training workshops

Distance learning workshops on how to start a CWMA, focused on land managers in the eastern U.S. For more information, contact Kate Howe (howek@purdue.edu). Slide show available on the web at <http://mipn.org/controlmgmt.html>.

Wild Ones workshops on a variety of topics, including controlling invasives, prairie restoration, and managing a natural landscape. For more information, visit <http://www.for-wild.org/chapters/Conf/> or <http://www.for-wild.org/events.html>.

Indiana Coastal Restoration Action Team (ICRAT) workshops on invasive plant control (species-specific and general), mapping and inventory, and restoration. Most workshops are free. For more information, visit www.savedunes.org.

Books and Guides

Invasive Plants of the Upper Midwest: An Illustrated Guide to Their Identification and Control by Elizabeth J. Czarapata. A comprehensive, illustrated guide with sections on invasive plants of major concern, invasive plants of lesser concern, potential problem species, and native plants that sometimes need control. Also includes information on control techniques, restoration, and basic information on why we shouldn't ignore invasive plants. Available from the University of Wisconsin Press

Invasive Plants Field and Reference Guide: An Ecological Perspective of Plant Invaders of Forests and Woodlands by Cynthia D. Huebner, USDA Forest Service. Provides detailed information on habit, reproduction, leaves, stems, flowers, fruits, habitat, and similar invasive species. Also includes information on current ecological research, with references. Available through USFS or at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/wildlife/nnis/invasive-species-field-guide.pdf>.

Websites

-National:

www.invasivespecies.gov – This is the national website for all invasive species information.

<http://plants.usda.gov> – Gives range maps and some basic information about both invasive and native plants.
<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/list/all.htm> - Plant invaders of natural areas
<http://www.natureserve.org/library/invasiveSpeciesAssessmentProtocol.pdf> - Protocol for invasive plant assessment
<http://invasivespecies.nbi.gov/> - National Biological Information Infrastructure's Invasive Species Node
www.weedcenter.org – Center for Invasive Plant Management (covers western U.S. but also has general information that is applicable in other regions)

-Regional:

<http://mipn.org> – Midwest Invasive Plant Network
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/wildlife/range/weed/index.php?open=Sec3B.htm> – USDA Forest Service list of invasive plants, ranked by degree of invasiveness
<http://ctap.inhs.uiuc.edu/newinvaders/> -- Chicago Wilderness New Invaders Watch List

-State:

<http://forestry.msu.edu/mipc/> – Michigan Invasive Plant Council
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/invasivespecies/> – Indiana's Invasive Plant Species Assessment Working Group (IPSAWG)
www.ipaw.org – Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin
<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/misac/> – Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council
www.oipc.org – Ohio Invasive Plants Council
Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources, Terrestrial Invasive Plants
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/index.html> – Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources, Terrestrial Invasive Plants
<http://www.mobot.org/MOBOT/research/mepp/welcome.shtml> -- Missouri Botanic Garden, Missouri Exotic Pest Plants

-Invasive plant control:

<http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu> – The Nature Conservancy's invasive plant website, including a control and management handbook and species-specific control information
www.weedcenter.org/management/burning_weeds.pdf - Review on the use of fire to control invasive plants
www.ceinfo.unh.edu/Pubs/ForPubs/WPUFCI03.pdf - Using fire to control invasive plants
www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/WS/WS_21.pdf - Aquatic plant management
<http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/chf/outreach/VMG/VMG.html> - Illinois Natural History Survey Guidelines for Invasive Plant Management
http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/pubs/manual_TOC.htm -- Wisconsin manual of control recommendations for ecologically invasive plants

Other Resources

Database of educational materials on MIPN website. Includes information on a wide variety of brochures, posters, books, reports, PowerPoint presentations, and other resources available on invasive plants that occur in the Midwest. Available at <http://mipn.org/Education.html>.