

# INVASIVE PLANTS OF BELGIUM

**KEY**

- Environmental impact and stage of invasion (see explanation on the verso)
- Danger, causes severe skin irritation
- Possible other colour of flowers
- Average plant height
- Parts of the plant useful for identification

**Freshwater habitats**

*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*  
**Floating pennywort**  
10-30 cm

*Mimulus guttatus*  
**Common yellow monkeyflower**  
10-80 cm

*Elodea canadensis, Elodea nuttallii*  
**Canadian waterweed, Nuttall's waterweed**  
10-80 cm

*Azolla filiculoides*  
**Water fern**  
1-4 cm

*Crassula helmsii*  
**New Zealand pigmyweed**  
5-30 cm

*Egeria densa*  
**Large-flowered waterweed**  
200-400 cm

*Lysichiton americanus*  
**American skunk cabbage**  
50-120 cm

*Lemna minuta*  
**Minute duckweed**  
0.1-0.3 cm

*Myriophyllum aquaticum (Myriophyllum heterophyllum)*  
**Parrot's feather**  
15-60 cm

*Lagarosiphon major*  
**Curly waterweed**  
30-100 cm

*Ludwigia grandiflora (Ludwigia peploides)*  
**Water primroses**  
10-40 cm

**Also terrestrial**

*Rosa rugosa*  
**Japanese rose**  
100-200 cm

*Buddleja davidii*  
**Butterfly bush**  
60-600 cm

*Hyacinthoides hispanica (Hyacinthoides x massartiana)*  
**Spanish bluebell**  
20-50 cm

*Spiraea douglasii (Spiraea alba, Spiraea tomentosa, Spiraea x billardii)*  
**Douglas' spirea**  
100-200 cm

*Lupinus polyphyllus*  
**Garden lupin**  
90-150 cm

*Rhododendron ponticum*  
**Pontic rhododendron**  
100-500 cm

*Impatiens glandulifera*  
**Himalayan balsam**  
60-250 cm

*Prunus serotina, Prunus laurocerasus*  
**Black cherry, Cherry laurel**  
20m

*Reynoutria japonica, Reynoutria sachalinensis (Reynoutria x bohemica)*  
**Japanese knotweed, Giant knotweed**  
100-300 cm

*Robinia pseudoacacia*  
**Black locust**  
25 m

*Heracleum mantegazzianum*  
**Giant hogweed**  
150-300 cm

*Cornus sericea*  
**Red osier dogwood**  
200-300 cm

*Symphytotrichum lanceolatum (Symphyotrichum x salignum, S. novi-belgii)*  
**Narrow-leaved michaelmas daisy**  
50-150 cm

*Persicaria wallichii*  
**Himalayan knotweed**  
100-150 cm

*Amelanchier lamarckii*  
**Juneberry**  
12 m

*Baccharis halimifolia*  
**Eastern baccharis**  
100-400 cm

*Bidens frondosa*  
**Large-leaved beggarticks**  
30-100 cm

*Solidago canadensis, Solidago gigantea*  
**Canadian goldenrod, Giant goldenrod**  
50-150 cm

*Senecio inaequidens*  
**Narrow-leaved ragwort**  
30-100 cm

*Berberis aquifolium*  
**Oregon grape**  
50-200 cm

*Duchesnea indica*  
**Indian strawberry**  
5-20 cm

*Rudbeckia laciniata*  
**Cutleaf coneflower**  
80-250 cm

*Helianthus tuberosus*  
**Jerusalem artichoke**  
100-240 cm

*Impatiens parviflora*  
**Small yellow balsam**  
20-80 cm

*Elaeagnus angustifolia*  
**Russian olive**  
5-10 m

**Terrestrial habitats**