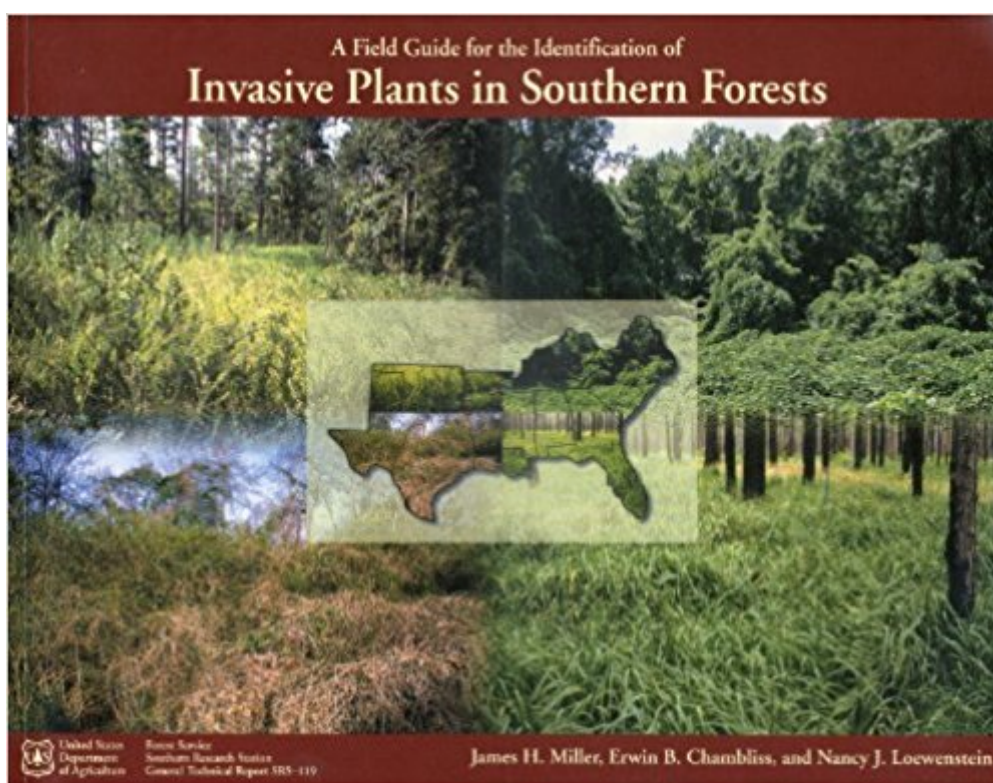


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# A Field Guide For The Identification Of Invasive Plants In Southern Forests



## Synopsis

Invasions of nonnative plants into forests of the Southern United States continue to go unchecked and only partially unmonitored. These infestations increasingly erode forest productivity, hindering forest use and management activities, and degrading diversity and wildlife habitat. Often called nonnative, exotic, nonindigenous, alien, or noxious weeds, they occur as trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, ferns, and forbs. This book provides information on accurate identification of the 56 nonnative plants and groups that are currently invading the forests of the 13 Southern States. It lists other nonnative plants of growing concern. Recommendations for prevention and control of these species are provided in a companion booklet, *A Management Guide for Invasive Plants of Southern Forests*, published by the Southern Research Station as a General Technical Report. Basic strategies for managing invasions on a specific site include maintaining forest vigor with minimal disturbance, constant surveillance and treatment of new unwanted arrivals, and finally, rehabilitation following eradication.

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Multiple color photos of each plant at different times of the year. Botanical descriptions (short key in back of book) with info about habitat, similar plants, historical uses, and distribution. You can download a free PDF of this government publication on the web (just do a web search on the title) but it is really nice to have a hard copy of this type of reference book. Also on the web I found that (free I think) printed copies can be requested from Southern Research Station Publications (part of

the US Forest Service).

The wealth of color photos makes spotting these invasive plants easy vs. trying to key them out. As the climate warms across the US these pests of the Southern Forests are already making their way north.

Recommend this book for students and professionals. It has great illustrations that helps with week ID.

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