

EMERGING INVASIVE ALERT:

Cyperus nipponicus

Japanese Flatsedge (Cyperaceae)

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IDENTIFICATION

fruiting stems
4-20 cm tall



scales pale



fruits with width
facing spikelet axis



fruits 2-sided



INVASIVENESS

Native to eastern Asia, where it grows in many habitats. It is aggressive, often weedy, and spreads quickly. In North America, it is expanding its range rapidly, though still quite uncommon. Now is the time to try to eliminate it before it spreads to more sites. Plants are easy to remove, due to their annual habit.

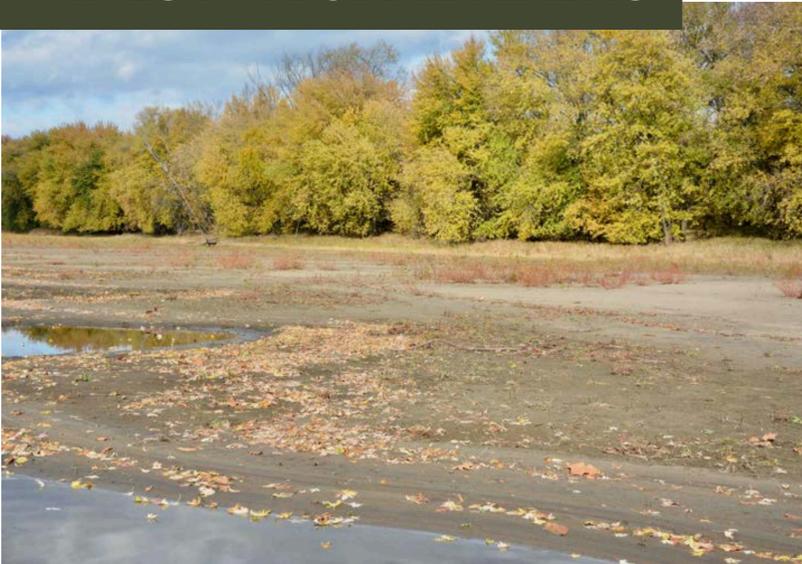
HABITAT

Often a weed in places with human disturbance, but also invades natural areas hosting rare plants, such as river shores.

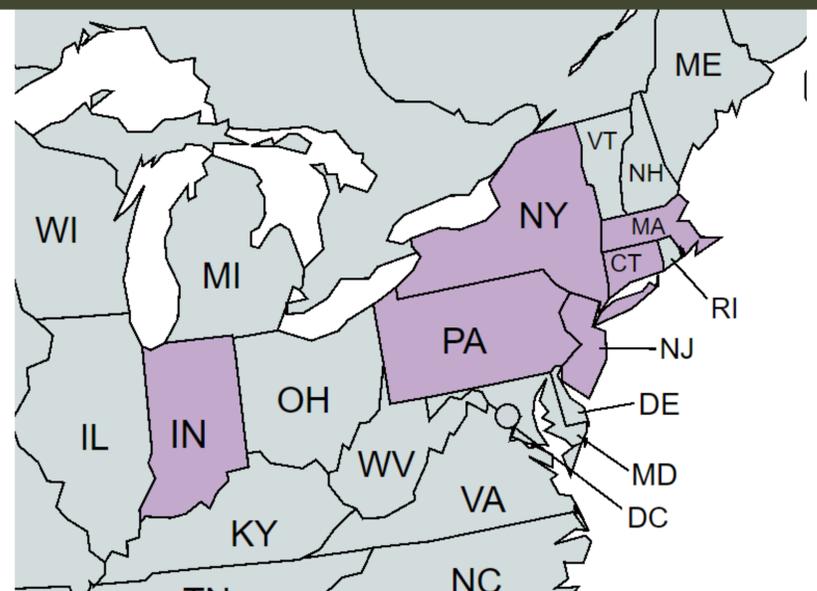
HOW TO HELP

Report occurrences to your local or state invasive species management agency.

INVADES NATURAL AREAS



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