

# Invasive Plant Scavenger Hunt

## Herb-Robert (stinky Bob)

*Geranium robertianum*



- Flowers have 5 pink petals
  - Leaves are triangular in shape and light green
  - The stems are hairy and red at the base
- 🔍 Called stinky Bob due to its sweet, tire rubber smell. Sniff if you dare!

## Yellow Archangel

*Lamium galeobdolon*



- Leaves are oppositely arranged and oval shaped
- Leaves are hairy and have white markings
- Flowers are small and yellow (may not be present)

🔍 Yellow Archangel escaped from residential plantings and was listed as an invasive plant species in 2007.



## Japanese Knotweed

*Polygonum cuspidatum*



- Leaves are alternately arranged with stalks
- Whitish to green flowers are drooping clusters
- Stalks are green-red and resemble bamboo shoots

🔍 The stalks of Knotweed plants are strong enough to break through concrete!

## Scotch Broom

*Cytisus scorparius*



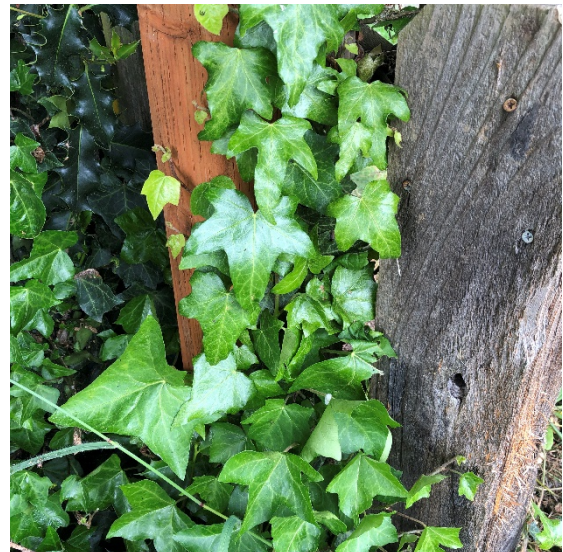
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- Flowers are bright yellow with 5 petals
- Stems are woody and dark green
- Seed pods are brown-black, legume like
- Enter it into WA Invasive App for Scotch Broom census 2020!

🔍 A single plant can produce over 20,000 seeds that last in the soil for more than 30 years!

## English Ivy

*Hedera helix*



- Stems are climbing vines
- Leaves are alternate on the stems and leathery



## Yellow Flag Iris

*Iris pseudacorus*



- Stems branch once and are solid
- Leaves are broad, flat, sword-shaped and stalkless
- Flowers are yellow with brownish purple spots

🔍 Infestations of yellow flag iris can reduce carrying capacity of wetlands for waterfowl

## Himalayan Blackberry

*Rubus armeniacus*



- Each leaf contains 3 to 5 leaflets that radiate from a single point
- Stems (canes) have hooked, sharp thorns
- Flowers are white to rose colored with 5 petals

🔍 Thickets can limit wildlife movement and prevent native trees from growing

## Butterfly Bush

*Buddleja davidii*



- Flowers have 4 petals and are commonly purple with an orange center
- Leaves are opposite, lance-shaped, or egg-shaped
- Young stems are green
- Mature stems have gray-brown bark that peels off

🔍 Though it is named Butterfly Bush, this plant does not provide suitable food or habitat for native butterfly larvae

