

Module Guide

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aquatic plants	ballast water	hydrilla	alert
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terrestrial plants	plant species		non-invasive plants
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Keyword Definitions

1. **alert** – to warn; to prepare for action.
2. **aquatic plants** – plants that live near, on, or under the water.
3. **ballast water** – sea water that is pumped into or out of tanks on a ship or boat; it is stored in tanks (on a ship or boat) to provide stability. This water can be pumped on or off the vessel.
4. **compost** – partially decomposed organic matter.
5. **country** – a large territory having a distinctive culture or political system; most often thought of as an independent state or nation.
6. **continent** – one of the large landmasses of the earth; there are seven recognized continents on the planet earth.
7. **dispose** – discard: throw or cast away.
8. **economic harm** – harm or damage to the economy; loss of revenue.
9. **emersed plants** – have roots underwater with part of the plant sticking above the water.
10. **environmental harm** – when an ecosystem or habitat (that is vital to birds, fish and other animals) has been degraded or destroyed.
11. **floating-leaved plants** – plants that have leaves that float on the surface; roots are not always anchored to the bottom.
12. **household garbage** – usually refers to solid waste (cans, clothing, compost, disposables, food packaging, food scraps, newspapers and magazines) that originates from private homes or apartments.
13. **hydrilla** – a submersed aquatic plant that is extremely invasive in florida lakes and rivers.
14. **inspect** – to look over carefully; to examine critically or carefully.
15. **invasive plants** – non-native plants that spread on their own and cause environmental or economic harm.
16. **native plants** – plants that were here before columbus arrived to the new world.
17. **natural areas** – lands that have not been developed for agriculture, business or housing.
18. **non-invasive plants** – plants that do not cause environmental or economic harm; they do not grow on their own (without cultivation).
19. **non-native plants** – (in Florida) a plant species that arrived since the time of christopher columbus.
20. **plant species** – a group of plants capable of interbreeding freely with each other but not with members of other species or types of plants.
21. **region** – an area having characteristics that distinguish it from other areas (an area with a particular soil type, forest type, language, etc.).
22. **submersed plants** – grow with their roots, stem and leaves completely underwater.
23. **terrestrial plants** – live on dry land.
24. **volunteer** – a volunteer is someone who works for a community or the benefit of group because they choose to do so (unpaid).
25. **water hyacinth** – a floating aquatic plant from South America that is invasive in Florida and many other regions of the world.