



Invasive Plant Comparison Chart

Directions: Go to the following website <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/photos.html> Choose two invasive plants for Florida - one terrestrial and one aquatic. Research and fill in the comparison chart using the categories below for each of the plants. Answer the discussion questions on the next page. Make a poster showing the plant and the environmental and economic impact these plants are having on Florida.

Name of Plant (give common and genus/species names)	Native Habitat (Where did the plant come from?)	Characteristics of Plant (Color, leaf size, perennial/annual, or biennial, smell, etc.)	Method of Reproduction	Location in Florida	Impacts on Ecosystem (What are the negative impacts of the plant?)	Method of Control How can you control the plant?



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Discussion Questions:

1. What is an invasive plant?

2. How do invasive plants get introduced to an ecosystem?

3. What native plants or animals are being impacted by these invasive plants?

Extension Activities:

1. What laws in Florida govern invasive plants?

2. What effects are invasive plants having on Florida's aquaculture industry?

3. What effects are invasive plants having on Florida's agriculture industry?



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