Developed by members of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Invasive Species Council (ISC), these terms are applicable to animal and plant species. The UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants (CAIP) has chosen to highlight aquatic and terrestrial plant examples of each of the terms relevant to Florida. Please visit our online plant directory at plants.ifas.ufl.edu for more information regarding these examples.

**NATIVE**
A species that occurs naturally in a specified geographic area

Pickerelweed
*Pontederia cordata*
Native to Florida

Orange tree
*Citrus sinensis*
Introduced as early as 1772

**NONNATIVE**
A species that does not occur naturally in a specified geographic area

Amazon water lily
*Victoria amazonica*
Not native to Florida

**INTRODUCED**
A species brought to a new geographic area intentionally or unintentionally by humans

**ESTABLISHED**
A species having a self-sustaining and reproducing population in a specified geographic area without human intervention (can be native or nonnative)

Old world climbing fern
*Lygodium microphyllum*
One of the greatest invasive plant problems in South Florida

**INVASIVE**
A species that (a) is nonnative to a specified geographic area, (b) was introduced by humans (intentionally or unintentionally), and (c) does or can cause environmental or economic harm or harm to humans

Caribbean trumpettree
*Tabebuia aurea*
Established in Palm Beach and Broward counties
**NOXIOUS**
Any plant or plant product that can directly cause damage to crops, livestock, poultry, or other interests of agriculture, irrigation, navigation, natural resources, public health, or the environment

- Coral ardisia
  *Ardisia crenata*
  FDACS* classified coral ardisia as a noxious weed

- Red Mangrove
  *Rhizophora mangle*
  Red mangrove has expanded its range northward in Florida

- Giant Salvinia
  *Salvinia molesta*
  FDACS* classified giant salvinia as a prohibited species

**PROHIBITED**
A species determined injurious to humans or human interests

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**RANGE CHANGE**
The circumstance of a species’ current/existing range growing, shrinking, or shifting over time. This change can happen to native and nonnative species with or without human assistance

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**NUISANCE**
An individual or group of a species that causes management issues or property damage, presents a threat to public safety, or is an annoyance. Can apply to both native and nonnative species

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**Cattail**
*Typha sp.*
The aggressive growth of cattails can make them a nuisance species

*The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)*