



IPAMS

Invasive Plant Atlas of the MidSouth

Invasive Plant Atlas of the MidSouth Volunteer Training Workshop
(<http://www.gri.msstate.edu/ipams>)

The Invasive Plant Atlas of the MidSouth (IPAMS) is program designed to train volunteers to identify important invasive plant species, learn about using the on-line database to enter plant locations, and provide information on the management of these species. During the four-hour workshop, participants will learn to identify forty different invasive plant species, use of the IPAMS webpage and database, Early Detection and Rapid Response steps for reporting and managing invasive plants, and an introduction to identifying your location from a GPS or GIS mapping function. Data derived from volunteers will be used to target the management of these invasive species. Each participant will be provided a training manual, species fact sheets, and identification cards for the forty species.

Trainers will be Drs. Victor Maddox and John Madsen of the Geosystems Research Institute, Mississippi State University.

Training will start at 1:00 pm and be completed by 5:00pm. Refreshments will be provided during the workshop.

A tentative schedule for May 23, 2012 will be:

- 1:00-1:15. Registration and Introduction. John Madsen
- 1:15-1:45. IPAMS Project Summary, Definition of Invasive Plants, Contacts, Field Survey Methods and the Field Survey Data Form. John Madsen
- 1:45-2:45. Identifying the IPAMS Species, part 1. Victor Maddox.
- 2:45-3:15. Break
- 3:15-4:15. Identifying the IPAMS Species, part 2. Victor Maddox.
- 4:15-4:45. Using GPS, Registering on IPAMS, Filling in data, other resources on the IPAMS website, and additional IPAMS information.
- 4:45-5:00 Workshop Evaluation

The workshop will be held on May 23, 2012 at Crosby Arboretum of Mississippi State University, 370 Ridge Road, Picayune, MS. Contact Eddie Smith at 228-467-5456 or emsmith@ext.msstate.edu for more information.

There will be no cost for participating in the workshop, only a desire to learn more about invasive plants and a willingness to be a part of the solution.