

Friday, May 16, 2014

Close Encounters of the Leafy Kind *Learn to ID invasive alien plants!*



Beautiful, but dangerous; Ailanthus, or Tree of Heaven was introduced into the U.S. as an ornamental. Originally from China, the tree spreads rapidly, has few predators or diseases in North America, and emits a chemical that prevents other plants from growing near it. Credit: Dendroica cerulea, flickr.com/photos/dendroica

6PM to 7:30PM

at

Great Swamp Watershed Association's

**Conservation
Management Area**

1 Tiger Lily Lane
Morristown, NJ

Your guide will be

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Aliens are all around us. In fact they might even be taking over...seriously! When it comes to plants that are not from around these parts, New Jersey has more than its fair share. Can you tell the difference between a beneficial native plant and an alien invader? Few people can.

Watch out! Your prized shrub might be a saboteur in leafy disguise. Sure, it looks green and healthy in spring, and it might even put on a fireworks display in the fall; but, behind the seductive mask, it might be a dastardly non-native invasive species capable of strangling healthy forests and exacerbating problems with clean water.

The truth is out there! Join GSWA to find out why non-native, invasive plants pose a threat to us. Learn how to identify them, how to control them effectively, and how to choose home-grown native plants for your home that are both beautiful to look at and attractive to desirable wildlife.

This is an easy hike over level ground and the occasional boardwalk. Best for ages 15 and up.

Register online at
www.GreatSwamp.org
or call 973-538-3500 x22.

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Suggested amounts: \$10/adult, \$5/child, \$35/family.

Space is limited. Please register now!

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