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Invasion of the Non-native Terrestrials

Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, autumn olive. These are words that strike fear into the heart of gardeners and ecologists everywhere. Once these non-native plant species get a foothold, they can be devilishly difficult to eradicate and can rapidly overwhelm local plant populations throwing an ecosystem into disarray.

The key to keeping "invasives" in check is learning to identify them and employing early on aggressive strategies to remove them.

Lyme Conservation Commission member and Appalachian Trail Conservancy Conservation Resources Manager Matt Stevens will address these concerns and more in a presentation on Monday, June 20 at the Lyme Center Academy Building. The talk begins at 6:00 p.m. with a question and answer period to follow.

Bring your questions, "invasives" experiences and suggestions and enjoy what is sure to be a lively and informative presentation.

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