

INVASIVE.ORG: A WEB-BASED IMAGE ARCHIVE AND DATABASE SYSTEM FOCUSED ON NORTH AMERICAN EXOTIC AND INVASIVE SPECIES

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Abstract

Invasive.org (www.invasive.org) is a web-accessible archive of high quality images driven by a fully-searchable taxonomic database based upon the ForestryImages (www.forestryimages.org) framework. Images in the system can be downloaded in the desired resolution, format and file size needed by the user and can be used with no royalties and no fees for all educational applications. The system was developed as a portal to high resolution images with links to species-based information. Invasive.org is one of 15 websites maintained by the Bugwood Network (www.bugwood.org) on a broad range of topics, including invasive species, forestry and forest health, and entomology dealing with both natural systems and more directly managed systems.

Invasive.org and the associated ForestryImages system (as of December 2003) make over 17,000 images taken by over 460 photographers on more than 3,200 subjects available to users. During the period of January 2002 through September 2003, over 9.65 million pages of information were served to more than 961,000 users through these systems. The content of the systems and the user base continues to expand. We invite you to visit, utilize and contribute to these sites. Invasive.org is a joint project between the University of Georgia, USDA Forest Service and USDA-APHIS-PPQ.

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